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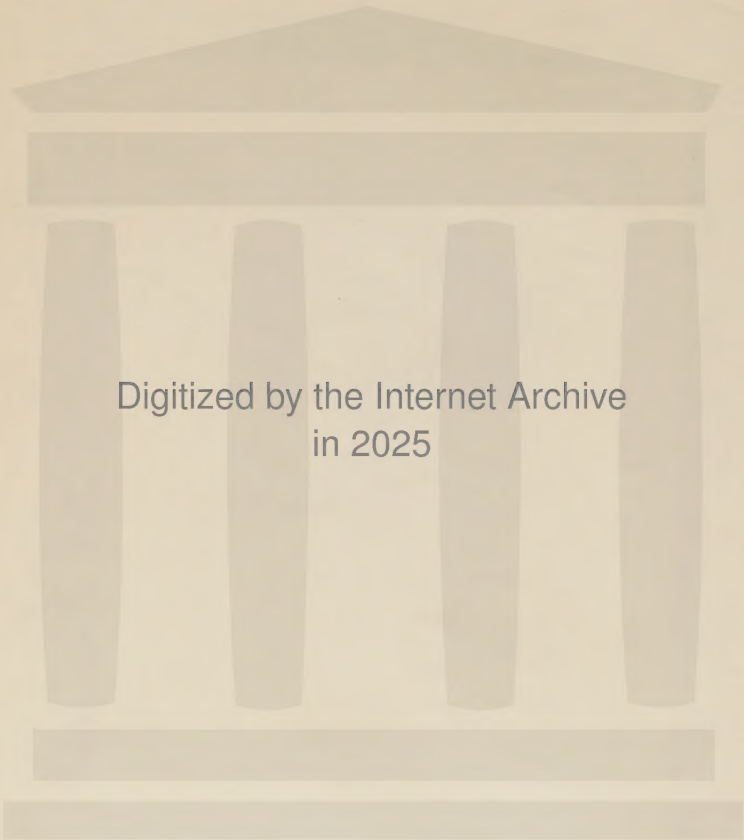
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PIONEER AND PATRIOT FAMILIES OF BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 1770—1800.

INCLUDING

HISTORY (1615--1800), MARRIAGES (1776--1850), SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION, MINISTERS, JUSTICES, ORIGINAL OFFICERS AND ALL MATTERS RELATING TO EARLY TIMES.

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Introductory.

BRADFORD COUNTY'S most fascinating history was made by the men and women of pioneer times. To present the names of these brave spirits, their origin, achievements, progenity and relationship to one another and to preserve precious memories and family records are the design of this work. Subjects are all treated chronologically and each carried forward as an interesting story. Cotemporaneous personages and events are thus brought together for the correct assimilation of facts.

This production is not a speculation and there are no sketches "at a price" to give undue prominence to one class to the detriment of others. In our long and persistent searches we have endeavored to find and give the name of every person who in any way contributed to the early history of Bradford county. Sources of much information have been the archives of Pennsylvania. Connecticut and New York, the public records of Bradford, Luzerne and Lycoming counties, old newspaper files, local histories, genealogies, church and family records, justices' dockets and private papers; a vast fund, reaching back to the original families, has been obtained from our interviews with old people during the past thirty years.

To all who have furnished information, we wish to express our appreciation, and thank most sincerely the following for their valuable assistance in supplying details: J. Washington Ingham, Mrs. Susie Hallock, Mrs. Lelia Bartlett, Miss Mary E. Stalford, Miss Fannie E.

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If this work may supply a long felt want and prove a worthy memorial to the brave spirits in our most trying history, we shall feel proud of a labor of love and duty.

Towanda, Pa.,
May 20th, 1913.

Most Sincerely,

C. F. Hively

Early Marriages, Justices and Ministers in Bradford County.

Records From 1766 to 1812.

OUR records of early marriages are most valuable, yet, unfortunately, they are the most inadequate. The pioneers, for want of proper facilities, depended largely upon memory in carrying events. Such as could afford family Bibles, caused a record of the births, marriages and deaths of the family to be made. In time, most of the old Bibles were discarded, lost or destroyed. The early church records of the county were very meagre and but few of them have been preserved. Some of the early Justices kept excellent dockets and carefully noted all marriages. Less than a dozen of these original records are in existance. Until 1813, there was not a newspaper, published in the county. Consequently our avenues for procuring information relating to early marriages are very much restricted.

In pioneer times, marriages were generally performed by Justices of the Peace. From the settlement up to the organization (1812) of Bradford county, the following were the Justices appointed: 1787—Obadiah Gore of Sheshequin and Nathan Kingsley of Wyalusing; 1788—Noah Murray of Tioga Point; 1791—Guy Maxwell of Tioga Point; 1792—Joseph Kinney of Sheshequin and Isaac Hancock of Wyalusing; 1793—Moses Coolbaugh of Wysox; 1797—Resolved Sessions of Tioga Point; 1799—Henry V. Champion of Wyalusing and David Paine of Tioga Point; 1800—Guy Wells of Wyalusing, William Means of Towanda and Nathaniel Allen of Troy; 1807—Wm. Myer of Wysox; 1808—James Gordon and Charles Brown of Wyalusing; 1809—John McKean of Burlington and Asa Stevens of Wyalusing; 1810—Reuben Hale of Towanda and Asa C. Whitney of Wysox. In 1787, Obadiah Gore and Nathan Kingsley had also been commissioned Judges of Luzerne county.

Ministers of the gospel, itinerant preachers, or circuit riders, sometimes, were more convenient, and called upon to perform marriage ceremonies. Early preachers, locating on charges or coming on circuits within the county were: Noah Murray, 1790; Jabez Culver, 1791; Ebenezer Martin, Moses Park, Wm. Colbert, 1792; Ira Condit, 1793; Daniel Thatcher, Noble Judd, Thomas Smiley, Samuel Sturdevant, M. Carles, 1794 ; Elisha Cole, Salmon Agard, 1798 ; David Dunham, John Leach, 1799; R. R. Roberts, 1800; Wm. Colbert, 1801; James Wood, 1802; Samuel Budd, James Herron, 1803; Seth Williston, 1804; Peter P. Roots, 1805; Daniel Buck, 1806; Ebenezer J. Leavenworth, Benj. Baldwin, Robert Burch, Benedict Burgess, 1807; Jesse Hartwell, Asa Todd, Elisha Rich, Sr., John Kimberlain and Rev. Best, 1808; M. Miner York, Elisha Rich, Jr., Loring Grant, Palmer Roberts, 1809; John Wilson, Samuel Thompson, 1811; William Wisner, Benoni Mandeville, Maramaduke Pearce and Abraham Dawson, 1812. The foregoing were the principal ministers, yet a few others were here for a short time, or serving in a missionary capacity.

Nearly all the marriages in the county from 1787 to 1812 were performed by the Justices and ministers, given in the preceding lists. The following were the earliest marriages within Bradford county, arranged by years:

The First Marriage, 1766.

The first Christian marriage celebrated within Bradford county was December 23, 1766, at the Moravian Mission in Wyalusing, the couple being Thomas and Ruth, converts. The notable ceremony was in the German language.

1776.

Autumn, in Wyalusing, Aholiab Buck of Kingston, Pa., and Lucretia daughter of Amos and Lucretia (Miner) York.

1783.

October 1, in Sheshequin, John Spalding and Wealthy Ann, daughter of Judge Obadiah and Anna (Avery) Gore. They were Sheshequin's first bride and groom.

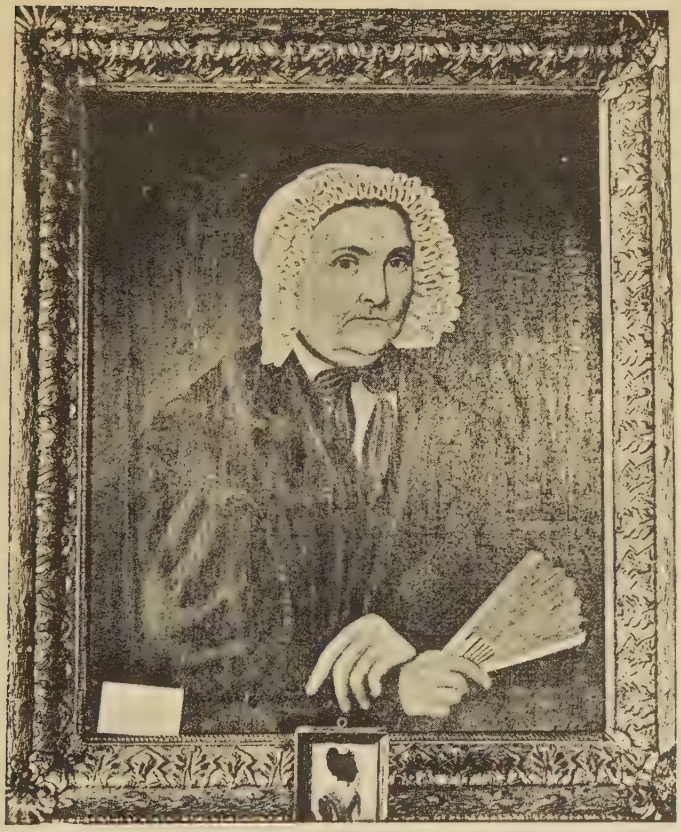
1788.

February 20, in Sheshequin, Benedict Satterlee and Wealthy, daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Shepard) Spalding.

April 20, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, Matthias Hollenback and Sarah Hibbard.

October 16, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, Elisha Durkee and Hannah, daughter of Obadiah and Anna (Avery) Gore.

Sheshequin's First Bride.



Wealthy Ann Spalding.

Wealthy Ann, eldest daughter of Judge Obadiah Gore, who married Col. John Spalding, was Sheshequin's first bride. She was the mother of fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to grow up to be fine, stately men and women. Mrs. Spalding outlived her husband twenty-six years and all of her children but two. Her death occurred January 2, 1854, at Sheshequin, in her 87th year.

————, William Means and Elizabeth, daughter of Rudolph and Elizabeth (Miller) Fox, both of Towanda Creek.

1789.

August 23, in Sheshequin, William Witter Spalding and Rebecca, daughter of Gen. Simon and Ruth (Shepard) Spalding.

1790.

June 3, in Sheshequin, John Shepard of Tioga Point and Anna, daughter of Obadiah and Anna (Avery) Gore.

1792.

March 14, in Sheshequin, Moses Park and Mary, daughter of Gen. Simon and Ruth (Shepard) Spalding.

————, Joshua Bailey of Sugar Creek and Miss Susan, daughter of Amos and Anna Bennett of Wyalusing.

————, Henry Tuttle and Mary, daughter of Sebastian and Lydia (VanValkenburg) Strope, both of Wysox.

1793.

June 13, in Sheshequin, at the home of the bride's father, John Newell, by Rev. Ebenezer Martin, Samuel Rutty and Polly Newell.

August 22, on Sugar Creek, at the home of the bride's father, Ezra Rutty, by Rev. Ebenezer Martin, Orr Scovell and Polly Rutty.

September 19, in Sheshequin, at the home of the groom's father, John Newell, by Rev. Ebenezer Martin, Josiah Newell and Lydia Ogden.

October 3, in Sheshequin, at the home of the bride's father, Ephraim Garrison, by Rev. Ebenezer Martin, William Avery and Anna Garrison.

December 12, in Sheshequin, by Justice Joseph Kinney, Avery Gore and Lucy, daughter of Silas and Keziah (Yarrington) Gore.

December 19, on Sugar Creek, at the home of the bride's father, Jonas Smith, by Rev. Ebenezer Martin, Isaac Horton and Sally Smith.

1794.

May 16, John Taylor and Miss Deborah, daughter of Capt. Aholiab and Lucretia (York) Buck, both of Wyalusing.

June 3, in Wysox, at the house of Wm Ferguson, by Rev. Ebenezer Martin, James Lewis and Miss Polly Jones.

1795.

June 9, in Asylum, Dr. Jabez Chamberlain and Miss Irene, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Dodge) Gilbert.

——— Abial Foster of Sugar Creek and Miss Mary Means of Towanda.

— ———, Daniel Brown and Mary, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gaylord) Wigton, both of Wyalusing.

1796.

June 4, Silas Scovell of Wysox (Towanda) and Miss Abigail Harris of Luzerne county, Pa.

1797.

February 1, in Sheshequin, at the home of the bride's father, Gen. Simon Spalding, Anna Spalding and Joseph Kingsbury.

March 1, Peter Johnson and Sarah, daughter of Theophilus Moger, both of Wysox.

Spring, in Asylum, Alexander d' Autremont and Abigail, daughter of Maj. Oliver and Abigail (Harris) Dodge.

December 11, in Asylum, Bartholomew Laporte and Elizabeth, daughter of John and Susanna Franklin.

1798.

March 20, in Sheshequin by Judge Obadiah Gore, William Buck and ——— Mitchell, both of Ulster.

June 26, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, Ebenezer B. Gregory of Wysox (Towanda) and Mrs. Celinda (Bingham) Taylor.

1799.

March 26, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, Augustus Bingham and Sarah Bardwell, both of Ulster.

1800.

April 2, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, Obadiah Brown of Ulster and Joanna Brown of Milton, Cayuga county, N. Y.

October 20, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, Joel Tuttle of Ulster and Rebecca Pearce of Chemung, N. Y.

1801.

February 26, Ebenezer Shaw of Sheshequin and Cynthia, daughter of Eli and Hannah (Crofut) Holcomb of Ulster. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary, and Mr. Shaw became a centenarian.

June 14, in Wysox, at the home of the bride's father, John Parks, by Rev. Elisha Cole, James Lent and Chloe Parks. This was the first marriage consummated in what is now Rome township. They celebrated their 62nd weddiug anniversary.

July 12, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, David Rundell and Polly Ensign, both of Ulster.

December 31, in Sheshequin, by Judge Obadiah Gore, Elias Needham and Betsey Butler, both of Ulster.

————, in Wysox, by Justice Moses Coolbaugh, William Myer and Joanna, daughter of Nathaniel and Huldah Hickok.

1802.

October 21, John Fox and Mary, daughter of Gordon and Sarah (Rogers) Fowler, both of Towanda Creek.

1803.

February 27, Reuben Hale of Towanda Creek and Miss Wealthy, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Rogers) Tracy of Tioga Point.

June 12, Sheffield Wilcox of Monroe and Miss Charlotte, daughter of John and Hannah, (Mallory) Hinman of Wysox.

————, James Bidlack and Esther, daughter of Daniel Moore, both of Sheshequin.

————, George Murphy and Lydia Wallace, both of Sheshequin.

1805.

October, in Terrytown, by Justice Guy Wells, Ebenezer Horton and Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (Terry) Terry.

1806.

September 11, William Snyder of Sheshequin and Hannah, daughter of John and Sarah (Wallen) Parks of Wysox.

December 28, in Wysox, Hiram Mix and Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Ralph and Anna (Shoemaker) Martin.

———— –, Chester P. Spalding of Sheshequin and Sarah Tyler of Tioga Point.

1807.

February 1, Harry S. Spalding of Sheshequin and Miss Lemira, daughter of Elisha and Cynthia (Stephens) Satterlee of Athens.

February 10, Jesse Beach and Miss Margaret, daughter of Jehiel Ferris, both of Burlington. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

March 8, in Ulster, at the home of Capt. Eli Holcomb, by Justice Samuel Gore, Elisha Luther and Eve Ryngor.

A Double First Wedding.

Dr. Irad Wilson, in reciting the history of Alba, says: "The first marriage occurred in 1807, the parties being Robert McKean and Martha Wilson, and David Soper and Polly Luther, and the interesting ceremony performed by Nathaniel Allen, a justice of the peace of Lycoming county, now East Troy, Bradford county. The brides were of Alba, Luzerne county, and the grooms of Burlington, Lycoming county, now both in Bradford county. Esquire Allen could

Rome's First Groom.

James Lent.

James Lent, Rome's first groom who married Chloe, daughter of John and Sarah (Wallen) Parks, was the eldest son of nine children of Henry and Catharine Lent. His father was a soldier of the Revolution and he of the War of 1812. He was the father of nine children and died, May 25, 1881, in his 100th year, being the greatest age recorded of any person ever dying in Rome.

not, as he supposed, perform the marriage service out of his own county, therefore, the wedding party got into sleighs and drove across the line between Alba and Troy, and there, standing up in the sleigh, under the canopy of the leafless branches of the trees, amid the snow of winter, the two pairs of young people were joined together, for better or worse, through life."

1808.

November 9, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, John M. Smith and Miss Rachel, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Horton) Brink.

November 13, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Albert Mead of Athens and Hannah Bernard of Ulster.

December 25, John F. Satterlee and Miss Julia, daughter of Dr. Amos Prentice of Athens.

1809.

January 4, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Abner Bullard of Chemung, N. Y., and Peggy Hiney of Ulster.

January 15, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, William Horton of Lower Sheshequin and Miss Esther, daughter of Christopher and Rachel (Coolbaugh) Cowell.

February 19, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, George Hicks of Watertown (Rome) and Sarah Post of Claverack.

May 7, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, George Kinney and Miss Mary, daughter of Lodowick Carner, both of Sheshequin.

June 18, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Peter Barnard and Miss Roba, daughter of Abel and Sally (Wilcox) Newell.

July 9, in Wyalusing, John Ingham and Miss Marinda, daughter of Edmund and Susan (Hotchkiss) Stone.

November 30, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Daniel Brink and Miss Rachel, daughter of Jesse and Jane (Miller) Smith

December 28, in Sheshequin, Franklin Blackman and Miss Sibyl, daughter of David and Louisa Be[illegible]sley.

1810.

April 8, in Wysox, by Justice George Scott, Capt. Joseph Elliott and Miss Barbara, daughter of Henry and Catharine Lent.

April 12, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Jonas Smith and Miss Jemima, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Horton) Brink.

July 5, John Griffin and Miss Betsy, daughter of Ezra and Hannah (Eaton) Spalding.

August 22, in Wysox, by Justice George Scott, Richard Ridgway and Miss Sally Cowell.

August 22, in Wysox, by Justice George Scott, John Watts and Miss Polly, daughter of Christopher and Rachael (Coolbaugh) Cowell.

August 26, in Wysox, by Justice George Scott, William F. Dininger and Miss Betsy Vanhorn.

September 23, in Wysox, by Justice George Scott, Abraham Lent and Miss Gitty, daughter of William Elliott.

November 5, Edward Herrick, Esq. of Newark, Ohio, and Miss Celestia, daughter of Dr. Stephen and Jemima (Lindsley) Hopkins of Athens.

December 10, Joseph C. Powell and Miss Mary Smith, both of Ulster.

December 20, in Wysox, Shepard Pierce and Miss Sarah, daughter of Moses and Hannah (Shoemaker) Coolbaugh.

1811.

———, "At Wysox, by Justice George Scott, George Hannes, aged about 50, to Miss Sally Holley, aged 18."—*Susquehanna Democrat of January 11, 1811.*

May 18, John Shepard of Tioga Point and Miss Deborah Hawkins of Stoney Brook, Long Island.

June 16, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Gersham Towner and Miss Sally, daughter of Thaddeus and Lavina Hemenway, both of Watertown (Rome).

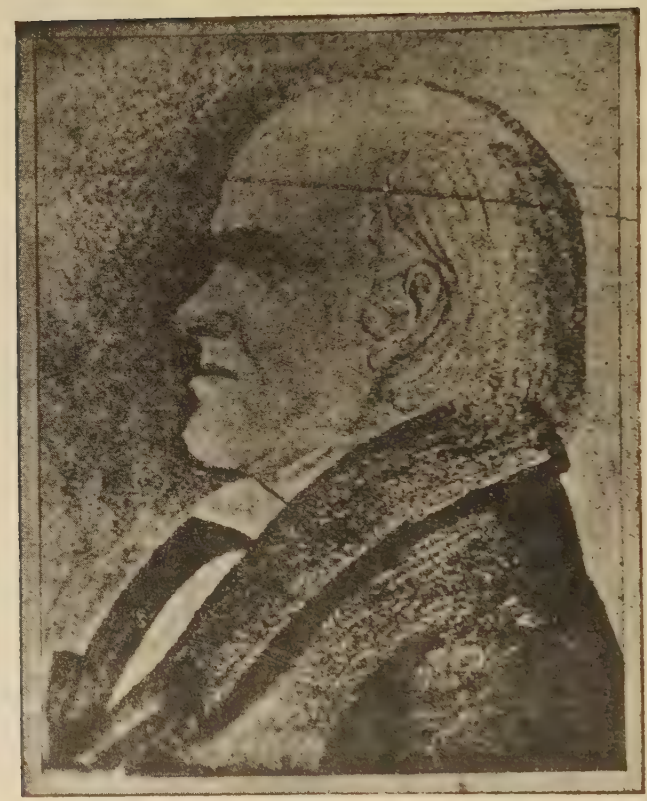
September 29, by Rev. M. Miner York, Joseph M. Piollet and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Elisha and Esther (Clark) Whitney, both of Wysox.

September 29, by Rev. Elisha Cole, Hezekiah Merritt and Miss Polly Wells, all of Towanda.

"Lately, by Justice Charles Brown, Moses Rowlee, aged 35, to Miss Nancy Youngs, aged 11 years and 6 months, all of Towanda."—*Susquehanna Democrat, October 4, 1811.*

December 15, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Lemuel Atwood and Sarah Bernard.

A Marrying Magistrate.



Samuel Gore, Esq.

Samuel Gore, who joined so many couples in marriage, was a magistrate for a quarter of a century. He had been a participant in the Yankee and Pennamite troubles and was an ardent patriot in the struggle for American Independence, serving without pay. His life as a pioneer, first at Wyoming and lastly at Sheshequin, was full of dangers, privations and hardships In all, he was a true hero, a kind and worthful citizen. He was generally known as "'Squire Gore" and his brother, Obadiah, as "Judge Gore". He died May 2, 1834 at Sheshequin, aged 73 years

Records From 1812 to 1820.

JUSTICES of the Peace commissioned for Bradford county from 1812 to 1820 were: 1812—John Shepard of Athens, Samuel Gore of Sheshequin, Noah Wilson of Canton, John Saltmarsh of Athens, Chester Gridley of Orwell, Moses Coolbaugh of Wysox, James Mattocks of Springfield, Elisha Rich of Troy, Guy Wells of Wyalusing, Jonathan Terry of Terry, William Furman of Columbia, Seely Crofut of LeRoy; 1813—Charles Brown of Monroe, Isaac Seymour of Pike, John Dobbins of Burlington, Jared Holcomb of Ulster, Samuel Wood of Smithfield, Burr Ridgway of Towanda, Benjamin Ackley of Wyalusing, Jesse Ross of Pike; 1814—Howard Spalding of Canton, Harry Morgan of Wysox; 1815—Edmund Russell of Windham, Samuel Strait of Columbia, Lemuel Streator of Orwell; 1816—Isaac Chaapel of LeRoy, George Hyde of Wells, Eliphalet Mason of Monroe, Churchill Barnes of Troy; 1817—Livingston Jenks of Warren, Daniel Park of Litchfield, Elnathan Goodrich of Columbia; 1818—Abiram Pierce of Smithfield, Samuel Knapp of LeRoy, David Soper of Burlington, Charles Taylor of Columbia, Salmon Keeney of Wyalusing, Vine Baldwin of Ridgbury, Abraham Minier of Ulster; 1819—Theron Darling of Orwell, Aaron Chubbuck of Orwell, Parley Coburn of Warren, Cornwall Brush of Pike, Salmon Bosworth of Pike.

Ministers taking charges or on circuits were: 1812—Samuel King; 1814—John Bascom, John Griffing, Caleb Kendall, Philo Barbary, Renaldo M. Everts, Manning B. Roche, Nehemiah H. Ripley, Simeon Powers, Hezekiah West; 1815 Elisha Bibbins, Salmon King, Jonathan Stone; 1816 John Hazzard; 1817—Thos. B. Beebe, Edward Davenport, Isaiah Butler; 1818—Elijah King, Andrew Peck; 1819—Benjamin Oviatt, David A Balcom, Nehemiah Ripley and Rev. Ellis.

Marriages—1812.

February 13, in Sheshequin, Henry Welles of Athens and Sally, daughter of John and Wealthy Ann (Gore) Spalding.

February 16, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, John M.

Hicks of Watertown (Rome) and Miss Eunice, daughter of John C. and Deborah (Williams) Forbes of Sheshequin.

March 25, by Justice William Myer, Caleb Shores of Wysox and Miss Anna, daughter of Richard and Tabitha (Jane) Horton of Sheshequin.

May 31, by Justice George Scott, David Horton and Miss Hannah, daughter of Abel and Sally (Wilcox) Newell, all of Sheshequin.

October 4, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Henry Hibbard and Peggy, daughter of Cherick and Rachel Westbrook, both of Ulster.

October 22, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Robert Russell and Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Isaac and Sally (Gore) Cash, both of Ulster.

November 15, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Stephen Merrithew and Peggy Dalton, both of Claverack.

December 6, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Noah Spalding of Towanda and Huldah, daughter of Daniel Kellogg of Ulster.

December 3, Justus Lewis of Wyalusing and Miss Polly, daughter of Elisha and Lucina (Warner) Keeler of Pike.

December 31, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Silas Burrell and Sarah Granger, both of Ulster.

————, Truman Holcomb of LeRoy and Miss Lydia, daughter of Ephraim and Lois (Chapman) Ladd. This was the first marriage in Albany township.

————, by Justice John Saltmarsh of Athens, Abel Leonard and Miss Abi (Abigail,) daughter of Ezekiel and Rhoda Leonard. This was the first wedding in Springfield township.

1813.

February 4, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Josiah Woodworth and Sally Lockwood, both of Ulster.

"Sheshequin, Feb. 4, 1813.

Samuel Gore, Esquire,

Sir:—Mr. Josiah Woodworth, who now lives with me, has requested that I send to you to come this evening (Thursday) and marry him to Sally Lockwood, Come down with Samuel Kennedy, Calista and Sally. Be here about candle lighting.

Obad. Gore."

February 22, in Sheshequin, Elijah Townsend and Miss Sally M., daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Brokaw) Gore.

February, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, Justus Vaughn and Sally Vincent.

May 20, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Thomas Lewis and Patty Dulittle.

June 13, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Isaac S. Horton

and Miss Hannah, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Snyder) Elliott.

June, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, Isaac Sutton and Miss Hannah, daughter of James and Hannah (Phelps) Quick of Wilmot.

September 13, in Towanda, by Justice Burr Ridgway, Thomas Overton of Ulster and Miss Mary Tracy of Towanda.

December 13, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, Joseph Babcock and Polly Bixby.

———, John Lyons and Miss Jemima, daughter of Richard and Tabitha (Jane) Horton, all of Sheshequin.

1814.

January 20, by Justice Samuel Gore, Warren Brown and Miss Ruth, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Spalding) Kinney, all of Sheshequin.

March 2, Cornelius Coolbaugh of Wysox and Miss Jemima, daughter of Sheffield and Eunice (Ross) Wilcox of Albany.

March 6, by Justice Noah Wilson, Elihu Case and Miss Charlotte, daughter of Jareb Palmer, both of Troy.

"At Burlington, by Rev. Mr. Ripley, Jehiel Ferris, aged 75, and Miss Elizabeth Prouty, aged 19; after a courtship of fifteen minutes."—*Bradford Gazette of April 26, 1814.*

June 19, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, Daniel Coolbaugh and Anna Vaughn of Standing Stone.

June 19, by Burr Ridgway, Daniel Kenyon and Miss Sarah, daughter of Adrian Post, all of Wysox.

June 24, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, Nathaniel Viall and Hannah Gaskell.

July 2, Col. Robert Spalding of Sheshequin and Miss Aurelia, daughter of Elisha and Cynthia (Stephens) Satterlee of Athens

July 3, Obadiah Gore Spalding and Miss Chlotilda, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bartlett) Hoyt, all of Sheshequin.

July 23, by Rev. M. Miner York, Jesse Woodruff and Mrs. Polly (Dobbins) Ballard, both of Towanda.

August 7, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, Joseph Frisbie and Catherine Wheeler.

September 1, Ebenezer P. Clark of Towanda and Miss Polly, daughter of Jesse and Jane (Miller) Smith of Wysox.

September 27, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, John Williams and Hannah Roberts.

September 27, Stephen Cranmer and Miss Polly, daughter of Godfrey and Polly (Croft) Vought, both of Wysox (Rome.)

September, Andrew Irvine of Towanda and Miss Catharine McAffee of Northumberland county, Pa.

November 24, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, Daniel Vargason and Amy Johnson.

December 29, by Justice Samuel Gore, Henry Smith and Miss Anna, daughter of William W. and Rebecca (Spalding) Spalding of Sheshequin.

1815.

June 8, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, John M. Quick and Sally Preston.

July 6, in Towanda, by Justice Burr Ridgway, Samuel Landrus and Miss Mercy, daughter of John and Phœbe Smith, all of Towanda.

November 12, in Terrytown, Rev. M. Miner York, John P. Stalford and Miss Lucy, daughter of Major John and Deborah (Terry) Horton.

November 16, by Justice Burr Ridgway, Seneca Simons and Miss Nancy Wilcox, both of Towanda township.

November 26, in Towanda, by Justice Burr Ridgway, William Means, Jr. and Miss Eunice Hewitt, both of Towanda.

December 24, Samuel Coolbaugh of Wysox and Miss Nancy Ogden of Wyalusing.

1816.

February 3, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Luther Carner and Miss Wealthy Ann, daughter of Col. John and Wealthy Ann (Gore) Spalding.

February 29, in Asylum, by Justice Charles Brown, James P. Quick and Miss Maria Vincent.

February 29, in Warren, by Justice Burr Ridgway, Arunah Case and Miss Sally Wate.

March 13, in Ulster, Colonel Edmund Lockwood and Mrs. Mary Ann Russell, both of Ulster.

June 17, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, John Hemenway and Deborah Gray.

July 1, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, William Thompson and Elizabeth Gale.

July 16, Major John Horton, Jr. of Terrytown and Miss Nancy G., daughter of John Miller.

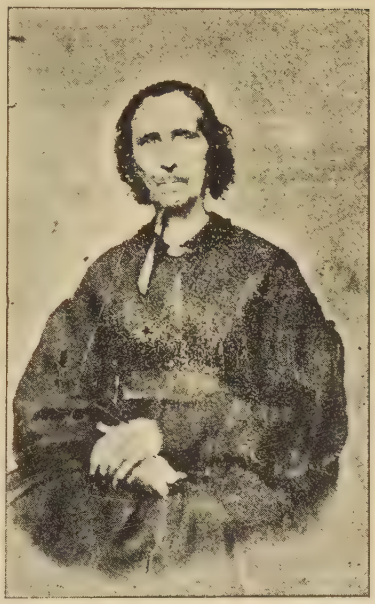
July 28, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, David Thindy and Miss Charity, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Brink) Culver.

November 24, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Russell Pemberton and Huldah Carner.

———, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, William Elliott and Hipzaby Mastin.

Overton's First Bride and Groom.

John Heverly.



Almira (Kellogg) Heverly.

John Heverly with his father and brothers formed the first settlement in Overton, moving into a great wilderness 14 miles from their nearest neighbor. The family were Pennsylvania Germans and for six years the only female of the place was Mr. Heverly's mother. In 1816 he married Miss Almira Kellogg of Monroe and they began housekeeping in a log cabin without doors or windows, hanging up sheets to keep out the rain and snow. These were the inviting surroundings, faced by Overton's first bride, but without fear or murmur, she shared most heroically the privations and hardships with the man of her choice. Mr and Mrs. Heverly reared a family of 10 children all of whom grew up and married. The former died in 1864 in his 77th year, and the latter in 1880, aged 81.

———, in Monroe, John Heverly and Miss Almira, daughter of Amasa and Eunice (Chadwick) Kellogg. Mr. and Mrs. Heverly were the first groom and bride in Overton township (then Asylum).

———, by Rev. John Hazzard, John Morley and Miss Orilla, daughter of Edward Cogswell. This was the first marriage within the present bounds of Tuscarora township.

1817.

May 18, by Justice Charles Brown, Samuel Marshall and Miss Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bartlett) Hoyt, both of Sheshequin.

July 20, in the log meeting house in Merryall, by Rev. M. Miner York, Thomas Ingham of Sugar Run and Miss Eunice, daughter of Major John and Deborah (Terry) Horton of Terrytown.

September 5, by Justice Isaac Seymour of Pike, John Phillips and Miss A. Humphrey.

September 24, in Standing Stone, Charles F. Homet, Jr. and Miss Lucy, daughter of Jonathan and Eleanor (Adams) Stevens.

September 25, in Wysox, by Justice Samuel Gore, Jacob Howard and Emma Park.

October 11, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, John E. Westley and Celinda Grover.

1818.

March 16, Stephen Strickland of Wysox and Miss Mary, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Sly) DeWitt of Burlington.

April 28, by Justice Harry Morgan, Gurdon Carpenter and Miss Orilla, daughter of Ezra and Anna Rutty, both of Towanda.

May 24, in Terrytown, by Justice Jonathan Terry, John Hollenback and Miss Rebecca, daughter of John Birney of Wyalusing

June 7, Irad Wilson of Canton and Miss Sally Maria Elliott.

November 25, Ebenezer Whitney and Miss Betsey, daughter of John and Nancy (Whitman) Woodburn, both of Wysox

December 22, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Seth Briggs and Elizabeth Goodrich.

1819.

February 11, Alvin Whitney and Miss Mary, daughter of John and Nancy (Whitman) Woodburn, both of Wysox.

May 20, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Frederick Steurt and —— — Smith.

December 4, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Stephen Brink and Dima Bosworth.

Weddings When Our Country Was New.

THE wedding event has always been a happy and merry-making affair. Looking back a hundred years it would seem that the wedding celebration was the novel gala occasion for fun and mischief in the neighborhood. It was, indeed, a "frolic," by which it was known. Some of the capers cut at the old-time weddings are thus described by a "participant" in the *Bradford Porter* of 1840:

"For a long time after the first settlement of this country, the inhabitants in general married young. There was no distinction of rank, and very little of fortune. On these accounts the first impression of love resulted in marriage: and a family establishment cost but little labor, and nothing else. A description of a wedding from the beginning to the end will serve to show the manner of our forefathers, and mark the grade of civilization which has succeeded to their rude state of society in the course of a few years.

"At an early period the practice of celebrating the marriage at the house of the bride began, and it would seem with great propriety. She also had the choice of the priest to perform the ceremony. In the first years of the settlement of this country a wedding engaged the attention of a whole neighborhood; and the frolic was anticipated by old and young with eager expectation. This is not to be wondered at when it is told that a wedding was almost the only gathering, which was not accompanied with the labor of reaping, log-rolling, building a cabin or planning some scout or campaign. In the morning of the wedding day the groom and his attendants assembled at the house of his father, for the purpose of reaching the mansion of his bride by noon, which was the usual time for celebrating the nuptials, which certain must take place before dinner.

"Let the reader imagine an assemblage of people, without a store, tailor or mantuamaker within a hundred miles; and an assemblage of horses, without a blacksmith or saddler within an equal distance. The gentlemen dressed in shoe-packs, moccasins, leather breeches, leggings, linsey hunting shirts, and all homemade The ladies dressed in linsey petticoats and linsey or linen bed gowns, coarse shoes, stockings and handkerchiefs, and buckskin gloves, if any. If there were any buckles, rings, buttons, or ruffles, they were the relics of old times—family

pieces from parents or grandparents. The horses were caparisoned with old saddles, with a bag or blanket thrown over them; a rope or string as often constituted the girth as a piece of leather. The march in double file was often interrupted by the narrowness and obstructions of our horses' paths as they were called, for we had no roads; and these difficulties were often increased, sometimes by the good, and sometimes by the ill will of the neighbors, by falling trees and tying grape vines across the way. Sometimes an ambuscade was formed by the wayside, and an unexpected discharge of several guns took place, so as to cover the wedding party with smoke. Let the reader imagine the scene which followed this discharge; the sudden spring of the horses, the shrieks of the girls, and the chivalric bustle of their partners to save them from falling. Sometimes, in spite of all that could be done to prevent it, some were thrown to the ground. If a wrist, elbow or ankle happened to be sprained, it was tied with a handkerchief and little more was thought or said about it.

"Another ceremony commonly took place before the party reached the house of the bride, after the practice of making whisky began, which was at an early period. When the party were about a mile from the place of their destination, two young men would single out to run for the bottle; the worse the path, the more logs and deep hollows the better, as these obstacles afforded an opportunity for the greater display of intrepidity and horsemanship. The English fox chase, in point of danger to the riders and their horses, is nothing to this race for the bottle. The start was announced by an Indian yell—logs, brush, muddy hollows, hill and glen, were speedily passed by the rival ponies. The bottle was always filled for the occasion, so that there was no use for judges; for the first who reached the door was presented with the prize, with which he returned in triumph to the company. On approaching them he announced his victory over his rival by a shrill whoop. At the head of the troop he gave the bottle first to the groom and his attendants and then to each pair in succession, to the rear of the line, giving each a dram; and then putting the bottle in the bosom of his hunting shirt, took his station in the company.

"The ceremony of the marriage preceded the dinner, which was a substantial backwoods feast of beef, pork, fowls, and sometimes venison and bear meat, roasted and boiled, with plenty of potatoes, cabbage and other vegetables. During the dinner the greatest hilarity always prevailed, although the table might be a large slab of timber hewed out with a broad-axe, supported by four sticks set in auger holes; and the furniture, some old pewter dishes and plates; the rest wooden bowls

and trenches, a few pewter spoons, much battered about the edges, were to be seen on some tables. The rest were made of horns. If knives were scarce the deficiency was made up by the scalping knives, which were carried in sheaths suspended to the belt of the hunting shirt.

"After dinner the dancing commenced and generally lasted till the next morning. The figures of the dances were three and four handed reels, or square sets and jigs. The commencement was always a square four, which was followed by what was called jigging it off; that is, two of the four would single out for a jig, and were followed by the remaining couple. The jigs were often accompanied by what was called cutting out; that is, when either of the parties became tired of the dance, on intimation, the place was supplied by some one of the company without any interruption of the dance. In this way a dance was often continued till the musician was heartily tired of his situation. Toward the latter part of the night, if any of the company, through weariness, attempted to conceal themselves for the purpose of sleeping, they were hunted up, paraded on the floor, and the fiddler ordered to play 'Hang Out Till Tomorrow Morning.'

"About 9 or 10 o'clock a deputation of young ladies stole off the bride and put her to bed. In doing this it frequently happened that they had to ascend a ladder instead of a pair of stairs, leading from the dining and ball room to the loft, the floor of which was made of clap boards lying loose and without nails. This ascent, one might think would put the bride and her attendants to the blush, but as the foot of the ladder was commonly behind the door, which was purposely opened for the occasion, and its rounds at the inner ends were well hung with hunting shirts, petticoats and other articles of clothing, the candles being put on the opposite side of the house, the exit of the bride was noticed but by few. This done a deputation of young men in like manner stole off the groom and placed him snugly by the side of his bride.

"The dance still continued; and if seats happened to be scarce, which was often the case, every young man when not engaged in the dance was obliged to offer his lap as a seat for one of the girls, and the offer was sure to be accepted. In the midst of this hilarity the bride and groom were not forgotten. Pretty late in the night some one would remind the company that the new couple must stand in need of some refreshment; Black Betty, which was the name of the bottle, was called for, and sent up the ladder; but sometimes Black Betty did not go alone—I have many times seen as much bread, pork and cabbage sent along with her as would afford a good meal for half a dozen hun-

gry men. The young couple were compelled to eat and drink, more or less, of whatever was offered them.

"In the course of the festivity if anyone wanted to help himself to a dram, and the young couple to a toast, he would call out, 'where is Black Betty? I want to kiss her sweet lips;' Black Betty was soon handed to him; then holding it up in his right hand, he would say, 'here's health to the groom, not forgetting himself; and here's to the bride, thumping luck and big children.' This, so far from being taken amiss, was considered as an expression of a very proper and friendly wish; for big children, especially sons, were of great importance, as we were few in number, and engaged in perpetual hostility with the Indians, the end of which no one could foresee. Indeed, many of them seemed to suppose that war was the natural state of man, and therefore did not anticipate any conclusion of it; every big son was therefore considered as a young soldier. On returning to the infare, the order of the procession and the race for Black Betty was the same as before. The feasting and dancing often lasted several days, at the end of which the whole company was so exhausted with loss of sleep, that several days' rest were requisite to fit them to return to their ordinary labors.

"Should I be asked, why I have presented this unpleasant portrait of the rude manners of our forefathers, I, in my turn, would ask my reader, why are you pleased with the history of the blood and carnage of battles? Why are you delighted with the fictions of poetry, the novel and romance? I have related truth, and only truth, strange as it may seem. I have depicted the state of society and manner, which are fast vanishing from the memory of man, with a view to give the youth of our country a knowledge of the advantage of civilization, and to give countenance to the aged, by preventing them from saying 'that former times were better than the present.'"

Records From 1820 to 1830.

JUSTICES of the Peace commissioned for Bradford County from 1820 to 1830 were: 1820—Thomas T. Huston of Athens, Nathan Wilcox of Franklin, John Laporte of Asylum, Thomas Ingham of Wilmot, Joseph Webster of Windham, Ebenezer Kendall of Burlington, Uriah Terry of Terry; 1821—Edmund Russell of Windham, Charles Whitehead of Towanda, Joseph Nichols of Athens; 1823—Charles Comstock of Litchfield, Jonas Ingham of Wyalusing, Wilber Bennett of Wysox; 1824—Dyer Ormsby of Albany, John L. Webb of Ridgebury; 1825—William Terry of Terry, Horace Williston of Athens, Luman Kellogg of Smithfield, William Patton of Towanda, Joseph Stacy of Springfield, William Smith of Ulster, David Griswold of Wells: 1826—Samuel H. Baker of South Creek, Uriah Baxter of Granville; 1827—Silas C. Perry of Athens, George Ranney of Orwell, Henry Russell of Windham; 1828—Miron Ballard of Burlington, John Watkins of Athens, James Gerould of Smithfield, Asa Pratt of Canton; 1829 George Scott of Towanda, Irad Stevens of Pike, Frederick Fisher of Towanda, Abraham Jones of Smithfield—Francis X. Homet of Asylum.

Ministers taking charges, or on circuits were: 1820—Ebenezer Doolittle, H. G. Warner, Sophronus Stocking, Waitsdell Searle, Asa Cummings, John Sayre, Lyman Richardson; 1821—Gaylord Judd; 1822—James Hodge, John Griffing, Joseph Towner, John Williamson, Benjamin G Avery; 1823—John Sawyer, Nathaniel Chubbuck; 1824—Joseph Beeman, George Evans; 1825—Horace Agard, J. Pearsoll; Isaac W. Platt, Samuel Marks; 1826—James Parsons, Levi Baldwin, Silas E. Shepard, David A. Shepard; 1827—Ozias Spring; 1828—Asa Orcutt, Charles Nash, John Sayre; 1829—Ebenezer Coleson, ———-, David M. Root, Daniel Wilcox.

Marriages- 1820.

February 14, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Erastus Fitch and Harriet E. Wells.

March 14, in Canton, by Justice Charles Brown, John Haxton and Miss Elizabeth Daugherty.

May 25, Jabez L. Gerould of Smithfield and Margaret Beebe of Geneva, N. Y.

August 10, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Ephraim Brink and Laura Cogshall.

December 25, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, William Esters and Ann B. Ford.

December 28, Alvin Dana of Alleghany, N. Y., and Miss Diantha, daughter of Capt. Jabez and Susanna (Dana) Fish of Sheshequin.

———, Capt. James Smith and Rebecca Gillett, both of Sheshequin.

1821.

April 17, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, John Bosworth and Affa Beecher.

August 1, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Samuel Chilson and Anna Vargason.

August 26, in Wysox, by Rev. Lyman Richardson, Ansel Stocking and Miss Wheeler, daughter of Peter Wheeler, all of Wysox.

October 4, in Towanda, by Justice Charles Brown, John Cranmer of Towanda and Sally Steel of New York.

October 10, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, John T. Preston and Miss Abigail, daughter of Edmund and Rebecca (Franklin) Dodge.

October 14, in Wysox, by Justice Charles Whitehead, James E. Haslet and Miss Betsy Tuttle.

October 18, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Guy Kinney and Miss Matilda, daughter of Avery and Lucy Gore.

October 18, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, George Spalding and Miss Prudence Brown

November 3, Peleg Peck of Smithfield and Miss Lydia C. Hunter.

November, 4, in Wysox, by Rev. Hezekiah West, Asa Bennett and Miss Amy, daughter of Naphtali and Rebecca (Lewis) Woodburn, all of Wysox.

November 8, in Wysox (Standing Stone), by Justice John Laporte, Richard Huyck, and Miss Sally, daughter of Jonathan and Eleanor (Adams) Stevens, all of Wysox (Standing Stone).

November 22, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Andrew Delpuech and Miss Adelaide Pesse.

November 22, in Athens, by Justice Thomas T. Huston, Constant Mathewson and Miss Cynthia, daughter of Moses and Mary (Spalding) Park, all of Athens.

November 24, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, Wakeman Hawkins and Miss Ruth Soper.

November 26, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, CurtisFord and Eleanor Pratt.

November 28, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, Jesse R. Drake and Miss Jemima, daughter of William Ferguson, all of Wysox.

November 29, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Charles Kinney and Amanda Carrier.

December 10, in Springfield, by Rev Joseph H. Ellis, Alpheus Gillett and Miss Diadema Ellsworth.

December 14, in Springfield, by Rev. Thomas B. Beebe, James Mattocks and Miss Isabel Harkness, both of Springfield.

December 21, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, John Snyder and Eve Royce.

———, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Orson Carner and Miss Ruah, daughter of Matthew and Lydia Rogers, both of Sheshequin.

—— -, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Larmon Elliott and Miss Polly, daughter of Matthew Wright.

1822.

January 1, in Monroe, by Justice Charles Brown, William M. Watts of Towanda and Miss Susan. daughter of Jacob and Mary (Fox) Bowman.

January 3, in Monroe, by Justice Eliphalet Mason, Jedadiah Irish and Miss Mahala, daughter of Selah Arnout, all of Monroe.

January 3, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Charles Chandler and ——— Willaby

January 10, in Towanda, by Justice Eliphalet Mason, Moses Miller of Monroe and Mrs. Nelly Carr.

January 13, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, Aaron Post of Wysox and Miss Cynthia Landrus of Towanda.

January 20, in Monroe, by Rev. Mr. Warner, Isaac P. Lawrence and Miss Catherine, daughter of Rev. Elisha and Amy (Salisbury) Cole.

January 20, in Towanda, by Rev. Mr. Warner, Nathan Stevens of Pike township and Miss Phebe, daughter of Silas and Abigail (Harris) Scovell of Towanda.

January 24, in Sheshequin, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Woodburn, by Rev. Hezekiah West, Thomas R. Davies and Miss Asenath Woodburn; lived to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

January 30, in Towanda, by Rev. Thomas B. Beebe, Abel Judson

Gerould of Smithfield and Miss Nancy, daughter of Abial and Mary (Means) Foster of Towanda.

February 14, in Bridgewater, Susquehanna county, Pa., by Elder Davis Dimock, Levi Wells of Wyalusing and Miss Fanny, daughter of John Bard of Bridgewater.

February 28, in Springfield, by Abiram Pierce, Oliver Gates, Jr. and Miss Mary, daughter of Samuel and Azuba (Smith) Severance, all of Springfield.

February 28, John Laporte and Miss Matilda, daughter of Jabez and Irene (Gilbert) Chamberlain, both of Asylum.

March 7, in Sheshequin, by Justice Harry Morgan, Jesse Brown of Wyalusing and Miss Maria, daughter of Jabez and Susanna (Dana) Fish of Sheshequin.

March 7, in Columbia, by Justice Charles Taylor, Dummer Smith and Miss Laura Keyes.

March 10, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte. Samuel Vargason and Betsey Wheeler.

March 20, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, William Conly and Miss Phebe Ackla.

March 24, in Towanda, by Justice Charles Whitehead, Austin Rundall of Burlington and Miss Phebe, daughter of Joshua and Susan (Bennett) Bailey of Towanda.

May 12, in Orwell, by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, Tobias Lent of Wysox and Miss Lucy Thatcher of Orwell.

May 27, in Auburn, Susquehanna county, by Elder Joel Rogers, Thomas Lewis of Wyalusing and Miss Betsey Morley.

June 9, in Monroe, by Justice Charles Brown, Aaron Clark, a pilot on the Susquehanna river, and Mrs. Lavina Johnson of Asylum..

June 16, in Wysox, by Rev. Lyman Richardson, Cornelius Coolbaugh and Miss Anna Larison of Jackson, Tioga county, Pa.

June 30, in Towanda, by Rev. Lyman Richardson, George E. Arnout of Monroe and Miss Polly Wilcox of Towanda.

July 11, in Monroe, by Rev. Lyman Richardson, Ephraim Ladd, Jr., of Albany and Miss Susanna Irish of Monroe.

July 11, in Asylum, by Justice Harry Morgan, William Coolbaugh, 2nd, of Monroe and Miss Margaret, daughter of David and Ellen (Huyck) Vought of Asylum.

July 18, in Orwell, by Justice Harry Morgan, William Moger of Wysox and Miss Abigail Russell of Orwell.

July 24, in Canton, Samuel Knapp, Esq., and Miss Lucy Cummings, both of Canton township.

July 30, in Canton, by Rev. Lyman Richardson, William Vandyke and Miss Clarissa Griswold, both of Canton township.

"At Burlington, Sunday, August 4th, by Justice David Soper, Eliphalet Gustin, bordering on 70 years of age, and Miss Sally Mills, aged about 16 years, after a courtship of full half an hour, both of Burlington township."—*The Settler.*

August 4, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, Henry Westbrook and Miss Ruth, daughter of Stephen O. and Jemima (Dodd) Allen, both of Wysox.

August 14, in Ulster, by Rev. Mr. Williamson, Rev. James Mauger and Miss Sally Gibson, both of Ulster township.

August 25, in Orwell, by Justice Theron Darling, John Beers of Providence, R. I., and Miss Sally Howe of Orwell.

September 26, in Troy, by Rev. Benjamin Oviatt, Rufus Rockwell and Miss Mary Alvord, all of Troy township.

October 10, by Justice Isaac S. Dewey, Richard Gifford of Sullivan, Tioga county, Pa., and Mrs. Rachael Brainard of Columbia, Bradford county.

October 17, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Simon Stevens and Miss Harriet, daughter of Charles and Maria (Scheilinger) Homet.

October 17, by Justice Abiram Pierce, Robert Bardwell of Springfield and Miss Lydia Ross of Sullivan, Tioga county, Pa.

"October 22, by Rev. Elihu Buttles, Capt. Hezekiah Russell (a Revolutionary soldier), aged 78 years, and Mrs. Elenor Osbourn, aged 74 years, both of Orwell."—*The Settler.*

November 6, in Springfield, by Justice Abiram Pierce, James S. Voorhis and Miss Charlotte, daughter of Nehemiah and Polly (Grover) Wilson, both of Springfield.

November 27, in Fox, Lycoming county, Pa., Christian Heverly of Asylum (Overton) and Miss Martha, daughter of Philip and Martha Kilmer.

December 22, in Burlington, by Justice John McKean, Jehiel McKean and Miss Eliza Ballard, all of Burlington.

December 23, in Burlington, by Justice Ebenezer Kendall, John Foster of Towanda and Miss Mahala Goddard of Burlington.

"December 25, by Justice Harry Morgan, Joseph S. Menardi, aged 52, of Wysox and Miss Harrietta Granger, aged 19, of Ulster."—*The Settler.*

December 25, in Burlington, by Justice Ebenezer Kendall, Rev. Julius Bailey and Miss Frichee Putnam, both of Franklin.

December 26, by Justice Harry Morgan, Benjamin Ingham and Miss Lydia Miller, both of Asylum.

December 26, by Justice Harry Morgan, John Vargason and Miss Betsey Dolton, both of Wysox.

December 26, by Justice David Soper, John S. Campbell and Miss Amelia Pratt, all of Burlington.

December 26, Jabez Fish and Miss Amanda, daughter of Moses and Mary (Spalding) Park of Athens.

December 31, in Springfield, by Justice Abiram Pierce, Adolphus Bliss and Mrs. Harriet Barber of Troy.

December 31, in Salem, Washington county, N. Y., William Harkness of Springfield, Bradford county, Pa., and Miss Betsey Chatum of Salem.

———, Byron Kingsbury and Wealthy Ann, daughter of Avery and Lucy Gore, both of Sheshequin.

1823.

January 1, by Justice Ebenezer Kendall, Thomas Ballard and Miss Ann Crawford, all of Burlington.

January 1, by Justice David Soper, Alfred Moore and Miss Rosanna Gustin, all of Burlington.

January 1, in Columbia, by Justice Charles Taylor, Roderick Bigalow and Sabrina Utter, both of Troy.

January 1, by Rev. Thomas B. Beebe, Mason Hale and Miss Almira King, both of Smithfield.

January 2, by Rev. Thos. B. Beebe, Jesse Pease and Miss Abigail, daughter of David and Abigail (Morse) Forrest, both of Smithfield.

January 7, in Fox, Lycoming county, by Rev Daniel Wilcox, Henry Heverly of Asylum (Overton) and Miss Rosina, daughter of Philip and Martha Kilmer.

February 6, by Justice Churchill Barnes, Lewis Powell and Miss Elizabeth Marvin, all of Troy.

February 16, by Justice Charles Whitehead, Abraham Hoppenstadt of Oneida county, N. Y., and Miss Polly Osterhout of Monroe township.

February 20, in Springfield, by Justice Abiram Pierce, Eber Leonard and Miss Sally, daughter of Nehemiah and Polly (Grover) Wilson, both of Springfield.

February 23, by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, Peter Vought of Rome and Miss Lydia, daughter of John and Elizabeth Ditrich of Sheshequin.

March 6, by Justice Abraham Minier, Joseph Brooks and Miss Sally, daughter of John and Rachel (Brown) Minier of Ulster.

March 6, by Justice Charles Taylor, John L. Rose and Miss Lydia Soper, all of Columbia.

March 13, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Samuel Harford and Dianna Wheeler.

April 20, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Elias Post and Miss Lucretia, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Snyder) Elliott.

May 1, in Athens, by Rev. James Williamson, George A. Perkins and Miss Julia Ann, daughter of John Shepard, all of Athens.

May 7, in Sheshequin, at William Snyder's, by Justice Samuel Gore, John Chandler and Catherine Wendall.

May 11, in Towanda, by Justice Eliphalet Mason, Stephen Powell and Miss Jerusha Emeline Wilcox, both of Towanda.

May 18, in Monroe, by Justice Charles Brown, Squire Benjamin of Orwell and Miss Philista, daughter of Walter Wheeler of Monroe.

May 28, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Stephen Newell and Catherine Cole.

July 3, in Towanda, by Rev. Daniel Wilcox, Francis D. French of Franklin and Miss Asenath Carr of Towanda.

July 9, in Springfield, Dexter Parkhurst and Mrs. Minerva Spear, both of Springfield.

September 14, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Edmund Hager and Mabel Hitchcock.

September 21, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Simeon Brink and Lydia Buck.

October 1, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Farias Bennett and Nancy Black.

October 16, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, David Rockwell and Lucy Hitchcock.

October 16, Chester Park and Miss Lemira, daughter of Capt. Jabez and Susanna (Dana) Fish of Sheshequin.

October 18, Moses A. Ladd of Albany and Miss Susanna Lawrence of Cherry, Pa.

December 16, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Isaac Custard, Jr. and Louisa Cole.

———, Orrin P. Ballard of Troy and Miss Amanda Calkins of Burlington.

1824.

February 15, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, James L. Coe and Miss Permila, daughter of Russell and Rachel (Pierce) Gibbs of Watertown (Rome). Mr. Coe died in the West, at the age of 109 years.

March 1, William Lawrence of Cherry, Pa., and Miss Eliza, daughter of Horatio and Asenath (Ives) Ladd of Albany.

March 2, in Pike, by Cornwall Brush, Traver Bosworth and Nancy Brush.

May 14, at Wysox, by Justice Samuel Gore, Leonard Shaw and Miss Clarissa, daughter of Gilbert and Mary (Beardsley) Horton.

May 18, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Abner Emory and Annah Lee.

July 1, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Noble Canfield and Lucy Brink.

July 11, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, George Gooding and Mrs. Jane (Smith) Eggett.

July 14, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Francis Forbes and Miss Sally, daughter of Joshua and Lucy (Thompson) Horton.

September 16, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Charles Homet and Cynthia Sickler.

September 16, in Litchfield, David McKinney and Miss Jane, daughter of Daniel Brush.

October 10, in Wysox, Dr. Thomas Sweet of Canaan, Pa., and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of William and Joanna (Hickok) Myer.

November 14, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Abott Rice and Mary West.

November 25, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, —— Harsh and Jerusha Chandler.

November 30, by Justice Thomas Ingham, Francis E. Baillet and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Major John and Deborah (Terry) Horton.

December 24, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, James Culver and Miss Margaret, daughter of Aaron and Mary (Myers) French.

———, Julius Tozer, Jr. of Athens and Miss Meribah, daughter of Richard Tozer of Farmerville, N. Y.

— ——, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Benjamin Brink, Jr. and Miss Polly, daughter of John C. and Deborah (Williams) Forbes.

1825.

March 3, in Orwell, Levi Frisbie and Miss Chloe, daughter of Nathaniel and Chloe (Eaton) Chubbuck. Mr. Frisbie was a resident of Orwell 90 years.

May 1, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, Thomas Brink and Lois Corson.

October 23, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Joseph Lee and Hannah Brewster.

1826.

January 1, in Pike, by Justice Cornwall Brush, George Seymour and Matilda Buck.

January 26, in Orwell, Morris Wooodruff and Sallie Robinson.

April 26, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Diodate Miller and Mahala Smith.

May 16, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Philip Sickler, Jr. and Sally Ann Charlot.

June 21, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Henry Williams and Lorina Freeman.

September —, Joel Stevens of Troy and Miss Caliste, daughter of Nathaniel and Susannah (Dobbins) Ballard of Burlington.

November 2, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Benjamin Scrivens and Susanna Vargason.

December 14, John Miller and Charlotte Coleman, both of Ridgebury.

1827.

February 14, James Chubbuck of Orwell and Pamelia Keeney of Braintrim.

February 26, Stephen A. Mills of Sugar Creek and Miss Amanda, daughter of Elisha and Betsey Fanning of Springfield.

May 2, Amos Prentice Spalding and Miss Statira, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bartlett) Hoyt of Sheshequin.

May 24, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, John Taylor, Jr. and Miss Sally, daughter of John and Mary (Birney) Gordon.

July 4, by Justice Jared Holcomb, Richard Horton and Miss Eliza, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Shores of Sheshequin.

September 20, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Sabins Scrivens and Harriet Vargason.

October 2, Theodore Gerould of Smithfield and Miss Amanda F. Ferguson.

October 4, Guy Tozer of Athens and Miss Welthia, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Spalding) Kinney of Sheshequin.

October 14, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Gilbert Chamberlain and Miss Deborah, daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (Terry) Terry.

October 14, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Benjamin Moody and Miss Jane, daughter of Dr. Jabez Chamberlain.

December 21, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Jack Hamer and Ann M. Taylor.

December 25, in Litchfield, Ephraim Potts and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Molly (Wolcott) Munn.

1828.

January 10, C. S. Sellard and Miss Rosina, daughter of Augustus Loomis, both of Canton.

January 28, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Truman Wilaby and Sally Byington, both of Litchfield.

January 29, in Wysox, by Rev. John Wilson, D. M. Bull, editor of the *Tioga Pioneer*, and Miss Sophronia, daughter of Shepard Patrick.

April 3, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, William Angle and Margaret Little.

April 13, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Robert DePeri and Dianna Freeman.

June 24, Francis X. Homet of Asylum and Miss Lucy J. Dodge.

July 2, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Darius Custard and Jane Bennett.

July 4, Elery P. Cheney and Miss Adelia M. Washburn, both of Windham.

October 23, in Asylum, by Justice John Laporte, Gershum Harris and Rosanna Benjamin.

December 18, in Sheshequin, Joseph McKinney and Miss Mary, daughter of James and Esther (Moore) Bidlack.

———, Zebulon Frisbie of Orwell and Polly Goodwin.

1829.

February 5, in Sheshequin, by Justice Samuel Gore, Joshua Horton, Jr. and Miss Betsy, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Smith) Brink.

June 24, in Asylum, by Justice Francis X. Homet, Richard Vanderpool and Katharine Vincent.

Smithfield's First Public Wedding.

The day set apart for the noteworthy occasion had at last arrived, and there was gladness in the log cabin of Elias Needham. The day was to witness the marriage of Constant Williams and Miss Lucy Needham. Accordingly, the house was put in the very best order, and arrangements made for the wedding supper. The affair was to be "secret," and only a few of the neighbors were invited, among whom was 'Squire Pierce, who was to perform the ceremony. When the company arrived they found the young couple, happy and blushing, in their homespun garbs. After the ceremony had been completed, the festive

board was prepared to receive the wedding knickknacks, which were baking in the stone-oven without. These were corn-cakes and baked beans When all were ready to partake of the extraordinary feast, it was found that the oven had been looted and the company must retire supperless. "Who had done the mischief?" We will explain. "The secret was not kept, and nearly the whole neighborhood had been posted of the forthcoming wedding. Accordingly, the ox-teams were hitched to sleighs and the people, old and young, brought out and assembled in a neighbor's house nearby. Needham's oven was watched, and when an opportunity offered, the corn-cakes and beans were slipped out and eaten by the merry spirits. In the evening the young people participated in a good, old-fashioned 'shin-dig' to make more complete the memory of the first public wedding in Smithfield."

Some Customs.

It was the custom, when a minister was called to officiate at the bride's home, to preach a sermon and conclude with the marriage ceremony.

Sometimes the parties to a hymeneal engagement, on horseback, the lady seated behind the gentleman, betook themselves to the house of the minister or magistrate, where the knot was tied.

The fee for marrying was 25 cents, 50 cents, $1.00, or whatever the groom was able to give. Frequently the fee was paid in work or grain. Kissing the bride was the concluding part of the ceremony, and we presume was taken by the magistrate in part compensation for his services.

"Honoring the groom" was by horning, belling, or charivari, given the bride and groom, generally after retiring, by the men and boys of the neighborhood. Treating the crowd and "showing the bride" were the usual conditions for the cessation of the terrifying serenade. This custom of a century ago is still in practice in many sections.

County's First Native Born Bride.

Elizabeth Fox Means.

Elizabeth Fox, daughter of Rudolph and Elizabeth (Miller) Fox of Towanda, was not only the first native born bride in Bradford county, but was the first white child born within the county and the heroine of pioneer times. She was born September 1, 1770; married William Means, 1788; died in Towanda, July 21, 1851.

The Most Aged Couple.

The following is recorded: "In the year 1830, Alexander Howden, a Revolutionary soldier, aged 83 years, and Mrs. Sarah Northrup, aged 98, residing in Athens above the Sheshequin Narrows, became espoused and hoping for a quiet little wedding, took their bridal trip, staffs in hand, to Sheshequin. But the magistrate, Samuel Gore, before whom they appeared, spoiled the anticipated plan by informing them that a few witnesses were necessary, whereupon he gathered in enough neighbors to make a genuine surprise and the marriage ceremony was duly performed. After the marriage, this unique bride and groom took their staves in hand again and started homeward." Mrs. Northrup, who was known as "Mother Northrup," was the widow of Nathan Northrup. She died in 1837 among her children in Monroe, aged 105 years.

Records from 1830 to 1840.

JUSTICES of the Peace commissioned for Bradford county from 1830 to 1840 were: 1830—Renselaer J. Jenks of Sheshequin, William Sill of Wysox, Chester Wells of Tuscarora, Chester Park of Athens, Jeptha Brainerd of Windham, David F. Barstow of Towanda, Conklin Baker of Troy; 1831—Chauncey Frisbie of Orwell, Daniel Park of Litchfield, Daniel Doane of Windham, James Rutan of Wells, Alvin T. Myer of Wysox; 1832—Elisha S. Goodrich of Towanda, Burton Strait of Columbia, Luman Putnam of Granville, Samuel Stevens, Jr. of Pike; 1833—George W. Hollenback of Wyalusing, Asa Stevens of Standing Stone, Reuben Smead of Springfield, Jarvis Buttles of Orwell, James Porter of Ridgebury, Thomas Overton of Ulster, Shubal Rowlee, Jr. of Wells, James Ball of Ridgebury; 1834 - Henry Plowman of Ulster, Bethuel Goff of Columbia, Arunah Wattles of Rome, George W. Lewis of Wells, Allen McKean of Burlington, John B. Clark of Wells, Ephraim W. Baird of Athens; 1835—George Kinney of Sheshequin, Elihu Case of Troy, Samuel Pettingill of South Creek, Lucius Fuller of Rome, Ira Crofut of LeRoy, Ephraim Beeman of Wilmot, Castle H. Herrick of Athens, Jacob E. Vosburg of Burlington; 1836—Alvin W. Thomas of Troy, David Palmer of Canton, Isaac Miller of Burlington, Noel Rouse of Sheshequin, Silas Noble of Towanda, Jacob D. Burbank of Warren, Ezekiel Curry of Ulster; 1837—David Griswold, Jr. of Wells, Peter Allen of Rome, John H. Furman of Columbia, Burton Kingsbury of Towanda, Guy Tracy of Ulster, Jabez Fish of Sheshequin, James Elliott of Ulster, William Gamble of Wilmot; 1838—Samuel Warner of Athens, Jesse E. Bullock of Pike, Martin Elsbree of Windham, Dan A. Gillett of Ridgebury, Paul Quick of Wilmot, Jared D. Goodenough of Towanda, Larmon H. Elliott of Rome, George Tracy of Monroe, John Ferguson of Granville; 1839—Francis Smith of Troy, George Sanderson of Towanda, David Edwards of Ridgebury, Abraham Goodwin of Towanda, James Brink of Sheshequin.

Ministers taking charges, or on circuits, were : 1830—John Doty, Jirah Bryan, Alexander Lane, John Dorrance, Simeon R. Jones ; 1831—William Franklin, Daniel Jones, Sophronus Stocking, Moses Cushman, Samuel Schaeffer, Samuel Henderson ; 1832—George Printz, Reeder Smith, George Wells, Charles W. Adams, Joseph Towner ; 1833 - John Sawyer, Daniel M. Root, A. J. Crandall, J. McC. Hill, S. B. Yarrington, Oscar Harris, William C. Wisner, David Harrower, Samuel T. Lord, Walter Bullard ; 1834—Smith Bixby, Jonathan Wood, M. Sherman, Elisha Bibbins, C. W. Giddings, James C. Sharon; 1835—Stephen Sargent, E. B. Tenney, King Elwell, William M. Adams, John W. Vaughan ; 1836—Joseph W. Parker, Jonathan Sturdevant, Peter Prink, S. M. McClung, Benjamin Ellis, Thomas Davy, John Sherer ; 1837—Philo E. Brown, John Wilson, Edwin Bronson, Freeman Lane, William Perkins. Isaac D. Jones, Charles C. Corss, George Evans, Thomas Wilcox ; 1838 - Julius Foster, Pentacost Sweet, Levi Baldwin, Epenetus Owen, William H. H. Dwyer, Ira Smith, J. Pearsoll ; 1839—Clark E. Smith, Father John O'Reilly, Robert G. Hays, Alfred Pinney, John Moule, Erastus Smith, H. Pillbeam—Barclay A. Smith, Anthony McReynolds.

Marriages—1830.

April 12, Alonzo A. Bishop and Miss Eveline B., daughter of Shepard and Sally (Coolbaugh) Pierce of Wysox.

April —, in Albany (Overton), Isaac Streevy and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Christian and Rowena (Wolvert) Ruth.

August 3, in Pike, by Justice Samuel Stevens, Jr., Lyman White and Miss Martha Dyre.

October 12, in North Towanda, by Justice David F. Barstow, Elijah H. Horton and Miss Mary, daughter of Abial and Mary (Means) Foster.

October 31, Thomas Williams and Amy Bagley, both of Canton.

November 11, John Woodburn and Miss Sally Maria, daughter of Sylvester and Sally (Goff) Barns, both of Rome.

1831.

September 15, in Sheshequin, William B. Horton and Miss Melinda C., daughter of Col. Franklin and Sibyl (Beardsley) Blackman.

October 10, at Warehouse Point, Conn., Dr. H. S. Chubbuck of Orwell and Elizabeth A. Heath.

October 25, in Towanda, Dr. Samuel C. Huston and Miss Emeline M., daughter of Col. Hiram and Elizabeth (Martin) Mix.

November 16, Sevellon W. Alden and Miss Mathena, daughter of Dr. Benoni Mandeville, both of Monroe.

December 29, in Towanda, Thomas Elliott and Miss Olive, daughter of John and Mary (Fowler) Fox.

1832.

January 19, Uriah Shaw and Miss Patience Lenity, daughter of Ebenezer and Sibyl (Brown) Segar of Sheshequin.

May 11, John McKean of Burlington and Miss Electa, daughter of William Moore of Springfield.

May 14, Arnold F. Ferguson and Miss Betsy, daughter of Col. Franklin and Sibyl (Beardsley) Blackman of Sheshequin.

May 17, in Granville, by Justice Luman Putnam, Albert Watkins and Sarah Ann Saxton, at the house of Benjamin Saxton.

May 30, in Granville, by Justice Luman Putnam, Henry Saxton and Julia Ann Bailey, at the house of Alanson Bailey.

June 4, by Justice Thomas Ingham, George F. Horton and Miss Abigail, daughter of William and Nancy (Sherman) Terry of Terrytown.

June 4, John Brink and Miss Amanda, daughter of Ebenezer and Sibyl (Brown) Segar of Sheshequin.

1833.

March 12, in Canton, by Rev. Ashahel N. Fillmore, Freeman Foster and Miss Sarah Andress, both of Canton.

March 12, in Pike, by Samuel Stevens, Jr., John Bolles of Middletown, Susquehanna county, Pa., and Miss Rachel Marsh of Pike.

March 14, David Fanning and Miss Antis B., daughter of Alexander and Catherine Kennedy, both of Springfield.

March 21, in Wyalusing, by Justice Francis X. Homet, Oliver D. Chamberlain of Asylum and Miss Huldah Dowley of Pike county, Pa.

March 27, in Wysox, by Justice E. S. Goodrich, Nathaniel Eaton and Miss Eliza Kellogg.

March 31, in Rome, by Justice Harry Morgan, Aaron Foster of Braintrim, Luzerne county, and Miss Eliza Johnson of Rome.

March 31, in Burlington, by Rev. Anthony McReynolds, Eliphalet Gustin, Jr. and Miss Cynthia, daughter of John T. and Cynthia (Campbell) Clark.

April 9, by Justice Harry Morgan, James DeMoney and Miss Nancy S., daughter of David and Hannah (Newell) Horton, both of Sheshequin.

April 9, in Franklin, by Rev. John Wilson, Harvey Kellogg and Miss Mary, daughter of Isaac and Tamasin (Wilcox) Chaapel.

April 10, in Asylum, by Justice Francis X. Homet, George Gordon and Miss Rebecca Terry.

April 28, in Ulster, by Justice Daniel Park, Amos P. Park of Litchfield and Miss Arlette, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Norton) Griffin.

May 3, in Smithfield, by Justice Abiram Pierce, Alonzo Sherman of Mount Pisgah and Miss Armenda Ormsby of Smithfield.

June 12, in Rutland, Tioga county, Pa., by Rev. John Sawyer, Rev. Joseph Beaman of Columbia and Miss Almira Burrell.

June 13, in Rome, at the Powder Springs, by Rev. John Dorrance, Lyman Trumbell and Miss Lurang Passmore.

June 13, in Athens, by Rev. Mr. Griffin, Horace L. Holcomb of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Abner Murray.

July 7, in Orwell, John Beardslee and Miss Adaline, daughter of Theron and Sally (Russell) Darling.

July 10, in Sheshequin, by Justice R. J. Jenks, Albert Tuttle and Miss Delight, daughter of William and Esther (Cowell) Horton.

August 7, in Ulster, by Rev. John Wilson, Edwin Richardson and Miss Emaline Hutchinson, both of Ulster.

August 20, Roderick Granger and Miss Lois, daughter of Ezra and Polly (Bloom) Rutty, both of Towanda.

September 1, in Wyalusing, by Rev. George Printz, James Butler, late from England, and Miss Eliza Brown.

September 12, in Wyalusing, by Justice Asa Stevens, Chandlier T. Baldwin and Miss Phœbe, daughter of Alexander and Roseanna (Place) Biles

September 25, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, Jonathan Shores and Miss Sarah Merithew.

September 26, by Justice E. O. Goodrich, Burnham Madison of Pike and Miss Elvira Phelps of Towanda.

Segtember 29, in Wysox, by Justice Harry Morgan, Eli Fletcher of Pike and Miss Rachel Charlot of Wysox.

September 30, in Wysox, Rev. Matthew Laird of Lewisburg, Pa., and Miss Harriet, daughter of William and Joanna (Hickok) Myer.

October 2, in Athens, by Justice John Watkins, Richard Casterline and Miss Eleanor Sellman, both of Athens.

October 7, in Wyalusing, by Rev. George Printz, Burton Edwards of Braintrim, Luzerne county, and Miss Deborah Taylor.

October 10, in Smithfield, by Rev. Mr. Doty, Mr. Adams and Miss Susan Scott, both of Smithfield.

October 10, in Ulster, by Justice Jared Holcomb, Horace Granger and Miss Matilda, daughter of William and Susan (Daugherty) Vandyke of Ulster.

A Bride of 1833.

Marguerite St. Leon Loud.

Marguerite St. Leon, the second daughter of Dr. Seth T. and Clarissa (Woodruff) Barstow, was a lady of exceptional gifts and refinement. She attained considerable celebrity as a poetess and writer, her articles appearing in such papers as the *Saturday Courier* of Philadelphia. One of her best stories was "The Hermit of Wysauking." She married John Loud of Georgia.

October 19, by Rev. Anthony McReynolds, Luther Ames of Smithfield and Miss Orilla, daughter of Seth Gates of Springfield.

October 23, in Rome, by Justice Alvin T. Myer, William Pepper, Jr. of Canton and Miss Sally Parks of Rome.

November 5, in Asylum, by Justice Francis X. Homet, Jonathan Whipple and Miss Armina Clarke, both of Asylum.

November 18, in Orwell, by Rev. Mr. Henderson, George H. Bull of Towanda and Miss Lucy Lathrop.

November 19, in Wysox, by Rev. Mr. Harris, John Loud of Georgia and Miss Marguerite St. Leon, daughter of Dr. Seth T. and Clarissa (Woodruff) Barstow of Wysox.

November 21, in Wilmot, by Justice Thomas Ingham, Samuel E. Miller and Miss Julia, daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail (Terry) Horton.

November 21, in Towanda, by Justice E. S. Goodrich, J. C. Johnson and Miss Abigail McCloe, both of Wyalusing.

November 28, in Towanda, by Justice David F. Barstow, Gordon Goff of Monroe and Miss Mehitable, daughter of Joshua and Susan (Bennett) Bailey of Towanda.

December 1, in Smithfield, by Elder John Doty, John D. Lyon and Mrs. Tabatha Wilcox, both of Smithfield.

December 24, in Springfield, by Justice Burton Strait, S. J. Goodrich of Columbia and Miss Julia A. Burgess of Springfield.

1834.

January 1, by Justice Alvin T. Myer, Hezekiah Russell of Wysox and Miss Rosina, daughter of Jacob and Thankful (Green) Wickizer of Rome.

January 8, in Springfield, by Justice Burton Strait, Allen S. Parsons of Columbia and Miss Eliza Harkness of Springfield.

January 11, in Athens, by Justice John Watkins, Isaac Taylor and Miss Catharine Arnold, both of Athens.

January 19, in Ulster, by Rev. John Wilson, Samuel Rickard of Troy and Miss Mary H. Treadway of Ulster.

January 22, in Pike, by Rev. Elisha Bibbins, Harry Gridley of Orwell and Miss Mary Mackinson of Pike.

February 2, in Burlington, by Rev. Anthony McReynolds, Clement Leonard and Miss Amanda L. Kent, both of Springfield.

February 9, by Rev. Samuel Henderson, Jeremiah Barnes and Miss S. Aurelia, daughter of Cyprian and Polly (Moger) Grant, all of Orwell.

February 13, by Justice Jarvis Buttles, Lewis Martin and Miss Olive Barnes, both of Orwell.

February 13, by Justice Harry Morgan, Samuel Biles of Wyalusing and Miss Matilda Jane, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Wood) Ennis of Standing Stone.

February 24, in Athens, by Rev. Noel Rouse, Guy C. Arnold and Miss Sally Ann Snell.

February 25, by Rev. Salmon King, Edward Dewing and Miss Susan Coburn, all of Warren.

February 26, in Troy, by Justice Conklin Baker, Isaac Benson of Johnson Settlement, N. Y , and Miss Clara Barber of Troy.

March 2, James Adams and Miss Melinda Murray, both of Troy.

March 23, in Monroe, by Rev. John Wilson, Harmon Lovelace and Miss Margaret Myer, both of Monroe.

March 23, in Troy, by Rev. David Harrower, Francis Smith of Elmira, N. Y., and Miss Laura Spalding of Troy.

March 27, by Justice James Gerould, Thomas J. Wheeler and Miss Lydia A. Allen, both of Smithfield.

March 30, by Justice Churchill Barnes, Hiram R. Hickok and Miss Maria Greeno, both of Troy.

March 30, by Rev. William Franklin, William Aldrich and Miss Sarah A. Bassett, both of Smithfield.

April 3, by Rev. Elisha Bibbins, James Cleveland and Miss Mary, daughter of Ebenezer and Lousina (Crawe) Chubbuck, all of Orwell.

April 3, in Wyalusing, by Justice Harry Morgan, William Smith Tracy of Monroe and Miss Rachel Merritt of Wyalusing.

April 3, by Rev. Daniel M. Root, Philo Fassett, Jr., of Columbia and Miss Pamelia Look of Troy.

"April 6, in Smithfield, by Justice James Ball, Isaac Mead, aged 19, and Miss Nancy Chamberlain, aged 13, both of Smithfield."—*Northern Banner.*

April 24, by Justice E. O. Goodrich, Jonas Ingham of Wyalusing and Mrs. Diantha Gillson of Towanda.

April 26, in Smithfield, by Elder John Doty, Capt. Harvey Kellogg and Miss Elizabeth Darien, both of Smithfield.

May 1, by Rev. Daniel M. Root, Stephen Chilson and Miss Rosanna Mettler, both of Troy.

May 4, in Troy, by Justice Conklin Baker, Dr. Alfred Parsons and Miss Jane, daughter of Reuben and Sally (Dobbins) Wilber.

May 7, in Wysox, by Rev. James C. Sharon, Richard Catlin of

Rome, N. Y., and Miss Darwina Fayette, daughter of Dr. Seth T. and Clarissa (Woodruff) Barstow.

May 13, in Wysox, by Rev. James C. Sharon, John Owen of Wysox and Miss Harriet Bachelder of Albany, N. Y.

May 13, in Wysox, by Rev. James C. Sharon, Dr. Joseph C. Ingham of Monroe and Miss Amanda, daughter of Harry and Harriet (Bishop) Morgan.

May 21, in Ulster, by Rev. John Wilson, Hiram Horton and Miss Hannah, daughter of Nathaniel and Lucinda (Clark) Hovey.

May 25, by Rev. Elisha Bibbins, James R. Hall and Miss Mary Sutliff, both of Orwell.

May 29, by Rev. Mr. Hagans, Paul Quick of Wilmot and Miss Mary, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Fowler) Miller of Albany.

June 17, by Elder Peter Prink, Zeno Remmington and Miss Bessie Sergeant, both of Springfield.

June 25, in Sheshequin, by Rev. James C. Sharon David Cash, Esq. of Towanda and Miss Mary Ann Spencer of East Haddam, Conn.

July 3, in Rome, by Rev. James C. Sharon, Amos B. Eddy of Wysox and Miss Amanda, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Moger) Johnson.

July 9, in Towanda, by Rev. Oscar Harris, Major Seth W. Paine of Towanda and Miss Sarah Jane Forrest of Milton, Pa.

July 17, by Rev Silas E. Shepard, Dr. Erastus Fitch of Canton and Miss Lydia M., daughter of Ezra and Lydia (Alvord) Long of Troy.

August 2, in Rome, by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, William McClarky of Luzerne county and Miss Polly Hicks. — "In these persons may be seen the benefits of the benevolent institution for the deaf and dumb. They are enabled by an education obtained at that asylum to transact any business in common with dispatch."—*Northern Banner.*

August 24, Samuel P. Wolcott and Miss Lydia, daughter of James and Esther (Moore) Bidlack of Sheshequin.

August 25, in Monroe, by Rev. Oscar Harris, James C. Ridgway and Miss Samantha, daughter of Rogers and Sophia (Lawrence) Fowler. — "With the above we acknowledge the receipt of the printer's fee—a fine piece of wedding cake, to which by the way, we are particularly partial. It points out to us bachelors the path to conjugal felicity, and sometimes half inclines us to escape from a state of single blessedness."—*Northern Banner.*

September 4, by Justice John Elliott, Albert Camp and Miss Sarah

Ann, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Mann) Overpeck, both of Herrick.

September 10, in Dimock, Pa., by Rev. Samuel Marks, Chauncey G. Gridley of Orwell and Miss Sophia, daughter of Nathan Morgan of Dimock.

September 13, by Justice Jared Holcomb, Anson Wheaton and Miss Nancy Kelly, both of Burlington.

September 23, in Asylum, by Justice Francis X. Homet, George Smith and Miss Sally Sickler, both of Wysox.

October 12, in Sheshequin, Richard H. Fuller and Miss Celinda D., daughter of Col. Franklin and Sibyl (Beardsley) Blackman.

October 16, by Rev. George Rogers, Obadiah Gore and Miss Matilda, daughter of Ebenezer and Cynthia (Holcomb) Shaw, both of Sheshequin.

October 23, in Sheshequin, by Justice Chester Park, Richard T. Horton and Miss Rhoda B., daughter of David and Hannah (Newell) Horton.

November 3, by Justice Churchill Barnes, Hiram Goddard and Miss Roxanna Fuller, both of Troy.

Nov. 16, by Justice David F. Barstow, Charles C. Benedict and Miss Delight Ingham, all of Towanda.

November 18, in Monroe, by Justice Eliphalet Mason, Ashbel L. Cranmer and Miss Mary, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mason) Griggs. Mrs. Cranmer, born November 19, 1816, is still living (1912). Mr. Cranmer died April 8, 1896, in his 88th year.

November 20, in Towanda, by Justice E. S. Goodrich, Dennis McGill and Miss Susan Santee.

November 27, in Tuscarora, by Elder Smith Bixby, Almon Pickett of Rush, Pa., and Miss Sarah Gray of Tuscarora.

December 3, in Ulster, by Rev. John Wilson, John Hutchinson and Miss Celinda M. Bowman.

December 10, by Rev. Oscar Harris, Joseph Kingsbury, Jr. and Miss Matilda, daughter of Col. Hiram and Elizabeth (Martin) Mix, all of Towanda.

December 24, by Elder Smith Bixby, Ozias B. Caswell of Middletown, Susquehanna county, and Miss Caroline M. Lambert of Wyalusing.

December 25, by Justice E. S. Goodrich, Barunk Denny and Miss Harriet Streator, both of Monroe.

December 28, James Drake of Wysox and Charity Mapes.

1835.

January 1, in Pike, by Rev. George Printz, Andrew Hunt of Oneida county. N. Y., and Miss Phebe Ann Hall of Pike.

January 8, by Elder Smith Bixby, Charles Overpeck and Miss Marietta, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lacey) Camp of Herrick.

February 22, in Troy, by Justice Allen McKean, Ira Crofut of LeRoy and Miss Maria Merry of Troy.

March 7, by Rev. Hezekiah West, Elias Vaughan of Wyalusing and Miss Susan, daughter of Edmund and Rebecca (Franklin) Dodge of Asylum.

March 10, by Justice Burr Ridgway, Benjamin Stone of Danville, N. Y., and Miss Elizabeth Bennett of Albany township.

March 15, David Barber of Troy and Miss Sally Ann Moore of Wells.

March 26, by Justice John McKean, Thomas McKean of Center county and Miss Julia Miller of Burlington.

March 28, by Justice Abiram Pierce, Stephen Peckham of Columbia and Mrs. Anna Havens, widow of Albinus Havens of Smithfield.

March —, in Smithfield, by Rev. John Doty, Aaron C. Scott and Miss Jane Parshall.

March —, by Rev. John Doty, W. Chilson and Miss Louisa Hosley, all of Smithfield.

March —, in Smithfield, by Rev. Mr. Sweet, Allen Califf and Miss Hannah Thomas.

April 19, in Towanda, by Justice Nathan Wilcox, Andrew McIntire, Jr. and Miss Phebe Albro.

April 22, by Rev. Peter Prink, George Sergeant and Miss Adelaide Upham, both of Springfield.

May 2, in Sheshequin, by Rev. Samuel Ashton, David L. Scott of Towanda and Miss Julia H , daughter of George and Mary (Carner) Kinney.

June 3, in Wysox, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Albert Lent and Miss Susan, daughter of William and Julia (Conklin) Bull.

June 6, in Towanda, by Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Dr. David N. Scott of Bloomsburg, Pa., and Miss Eliza J. Bartlett of Towanda.

June 9, by Rev. Oscar Harris, Darwin E. Martin and Miss Sarah Smith, both of Wysox.

July 26, by Justice Abiram Pierce, John Cummins and Miss Jane French, both of Ridgebury.

July 30, by Justice Abiram Pierce, Jonathan Wheeler and Miss Amanda Rundall, both of Smithfield.

A Bride of 1835.

Julia H. Scott.

Julia H., daughter of George and Mary (Carner) Kinney, known as the "poetess of Sheshequin," was noted for her rare intelligence, poetic genius and beautiful life. She married David L. Scott and died March 5, 1842, in Towanda, in her 33rd year.

August 5, in Wyalusing, by Rev. George Printz, Charles Camp and Miss Rodolphia Beeman.

August 26, by Rev. Oscar Harris, Edward Young and Miss Celinda, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Dobbins) Woodruff, all of Towanda.

September 2, in Burlington, at the home of Hubbard Compton, by Justice David Soper, Orrin Scott and Lucinda Compton.

September 13, in Towanda, by Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Silas Noble, attorney-at-law, and Miss Nancy E., daughter of William Keeler.—"We acknowledge the receipt of a bottle of excellent Madeira, and in return tender our heartfelt congratulations. The parties have our best and kind wishes for their future happiness, and all the several blessings of the wedded life."—*Northern Banner*.

September 27, by Rev. Simeon R. Jones, Samuel Benedict of Springfield and Miss Harriet N. Crowell of Smithfield.

September 28, in Sheshequin, by Rev. Samuel Ashton, Rev. George Sanderson of Cortland, N. Y., and Miss Marion W., daughter of Joseph and Anna (Spalding) Kingsbury.

October 1, by Justice Francis X. Homet, Sebrian Baldwin of Asylum and Miss Lavina, daughter of Albegence and Thankful (Goff) Stevens of Standing Stone.

October 1, by Justice Conklin Baker, Calvin C. Merritt and Miss Jane Traphagan, both of Columbia.

October 1, Lewis B. Gillett of Sheshequin and Miss Jemima, daughter of Caleb and Anna (Horton) Shores of Wysox.

October 4, by Justice E. O. Goodrich, William Campbell of Burlington and Miss Nancy, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Santee) Gregg of Towanda.

October 8, in Sheshequin, by Rev. Noel Rouse, Reuben Young and Miss Emily, daughter of Isaac S. and Hannah (Elliott) Horton.

October 12, by Justice Joseph Stacy, Freeman Mills of Towanda and Miss Minerva Grace of Springfield.

October 15, in Towanda, by Rev. John Wilson, Elijah D. Montanye and Miss Celinda E., daughter of Ezekiel Griffis.

November 2, in Towanda by Rev. Mr. Ebaugh of Carlisle, Pa., Benjamin Osborne of Osbornville, N. Y., and Miss Keziah Goodrich of Towanda.

November 7, by Justice Abiram Pierce, Isaac Elwell and Miss Jane Sweeney, both of Springfield.

November 8, in Burlington, by Justice Uriah Baxter, Thomas Merritt and Miss Lucy West.

November 16, by Rev. Stephen Sergeant, Damon Brigham and Miss Mary Aldrich, both of Springfield.

November 22, by Rev. Samuel McClung, Elijah S. Tracy of Smithfield and Miss Susan Martin of Springfield.

December 3, by Justice Shubal Rowlee, Jr., Ira Lawrence and Miss Hannah Odell, both of Wells.

December 7, in New Milford, Susquehanna county, by Justice Wm. Ward, William Mott of New Milford and Miss Maria C. Keeler of Towanda.

December 10, by Rev. John Wilson, Nicholas Shoemaker, 2nd and Miss Jesta A. Keeler, all of Towanda.

December 12, in Wells, by Justice Shubal Rowlee, Jr., Samuel Lustins and Miss Hannah Wartondyke.

December 20, by Rev. Daniel M. Root, Benjamin McKean and Miss Laura LeBarron, both of Columbia.

December 24, by Justice Harry Morgan, George A. Stephens of Susquehanna county and Miss Ellen Maria, daughter of David and Ellen (Huyck) Vought.

December 25, by Rev. Oscar Harris, John F. Means and Miss Betsy, daughter of Col. Hiram and Elizabeth (Martin) Mix, all of Towanda.

December 27, by Justice Conklin Baker, John Barber 2nd and Miss Lucy Arlington, all of Troy.

December 29, by Justice Thomas Ingham, Jason Horton of Terrytown and Miss Oliva, daughter of Horatio and Asenath (Ives) Ladd of Albany.

December 31, by Justice Shubal Rowlee, Jr., Samuel Bailey and Miss Eunice Boughton, both of South Creek.

1836.

January 2, by Justice James Mattocks, John Hannan of Canada and Miss Harriet Allen of Smithfield.

January 2, David Ross of Burlington and Miss Rhoda Kingsley of Smithfield.

January 3, by Rev. Truman Hendrix, William E. Maynard and Miss Nancy E., daughter of Stephen and Polly (Vought) Cranmer, both of Rome.

January 8, Nathaniel Hickok and Miss Luthera, daughter of Solomon and Susanna Brown, both of Canton.

January 19, in Towanda, by Rev. John Wilson, Horatio Black and Miss Matilda Eton.

January 21, Loren B. Morse and Miss Elizabeth Spalding, both of Troy.

January 25, by Justice David F. Barstow, Samuel Adams of Towanda and Miss Mahala Parsons of Auburn, N. Y.

January 28, by Justice E. S. Goodrich, Freeman Sweet and Miss Nancy, daughter of Burr and Alice (Coolbaugh) Ridgway of Monroe.

January 31, by Justice Allen McKean, L. DeWitt and Miss Larelia Wells, both of Burlington.

January 31, by Justice Burr Ridgway, Matthew Covey and Miss Eunice Scrivens, both of Albany.

February 2, by Justice Luman Putnam, Orator Holcomb and Miss Sylvia Rockwell, both of LeRoy.

February 8, by Justice David F. Barstow, James Sickler of Towanda and Miss Mary Cook of Monroe.

February 14, by Justice Thomas Ingham, Robert Stranger of Sugar Run and Miss Sarah Jane, daughter of Ebenezer P. Clark of Terrytown.

February 17, in Towanda, by Justice David F. Barstow, Hiram H. Hickok of Troy and Miss Fanny Kipp.

March 8, in Wyalusing, by Justice Ephraim Beaman, James A. Biles and Miss Lizzie Vannoy.

March 17, by Justice Frederick Fisher, Major Rowland Wilcox of Albany and Miss Louise Menardi.

March 30, at the court house in Towanda, by Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Hon. Jonathan Stevens of Standing Stone and Elizabeth Shipley of Towanda.

March 31, in Athens, by Rev. Oscar Harris, Edward C. Herrick and Miss Eliza, daughter of Francis Tyler.

April 17, in Oxford, N. Y., by Rev. Leverett Bush, Henry S. Mercur, merchant of Towanda, and Miss Sarah A., daughter of the late Samuel Guernsey of Oxford.

May 1, by Justice Allen McKean, Bela Rogers of Ridgebury and Miss Celestia DeWitt of Burlington.

May 1, by Justice Allen McKean, Henry Wooding of Springfield and Miss Mary Ann Simpkins of Troy

May 4, by Rev. John Wilson, Cornelius Coolbaugh of Wysox and Mrs. Hannah S. (Mills) Bingham of Towanda.

May 12, by Justice Churchill Barnes, Samuel McNitt of Union, Tioga county, and Miss Julia, daughter of John and Rebecca (McKean) Dobbins of Troy.

May 15, by Rev. John Shearer, Samuel Owen and Miss Mary F., daughter of Shepard and Catharine (Goodwin) Patrick, all of Wysox.

June 16, by Justice Ira Crofut, Andrew E. Spalding of Canton

and Miss Cynthia, daughter of Sterling and Betsey (Stone) Holcomb of LeRoy.

June 16, by Rev. E. B. Tenney, David Armstrong and Miss Sylvia, daughter of Martin and Sally Lyon of Wyalusing.

June 16, by Justice Luman Putnam, Harrison Ross of Granville and Miss Abigail Beach of Troy.

August 9, in Pike, by Rev. James Hodge, William Blackman of Carbondale, Luzerne county, and Miss Eliza Ann Smith of Pike.

August 13, by Justice Charles Taylor, Dummer Lilley, editor of the *Bradford Argus*, and Miss Sophia L. Parsons of Columbia.

August 18, by Justice Joseph Stacy, Mark C. Arnout of Towanda and Miss Hannah DeWitt of Burlington.

August 24, in Towanda, by Justice E. S. Goodrich, Seth H. Steele and Miss Mary Ann Richardson.

September 4, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, Jeremy Bailey and Miss Hannah Hoagland.

September 13, by Rev. E. B. Tenney, Edwin W. Taylor of Rome and Miss Harriet Ann Warner of Pike.

September 20, by Rev. Simeon R. Jones, Isaiah A. Kingsley of Smithfield and Miss Ruth S. Brown of Elmira, N. Y.

September 21, in Towanda, by Rev. Oscar Harris, Gilbert H. Drake and Miss Lucinda Overfield.

October 6, in West Killingly, Conn., by Rev. Mr. Whitmore, George Wayne Kinney of Sheshequin and Miss Abby M. Hutchins of West Killingly.

November 28, in Bethlehem, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Seidel, David Wilmot, attorney-at-law of Towanda, and Miss Anna, daughter of Thomas H. Morgan of Bethlehem.

December 1, in Burlington, by Justice Isaac Miller, Dr. Charles Drake and Miss Susan Pratt.

December 5, in Auburn, N. Y., by Rev. Mr. Lucas, Philo B. Barnum of Auburn and Miss Mary McKee of Orwell, Bradford county.

December 26, by Justice James Porter, Ephraim Manning of Southport, N. Y., and Miss Harriet, daughter of Capt. Calvin West of Ridgebury.

December 28, in Smithfield, by Rev. John Doty, Amasa A. Jones and Miss Sarah Ann, daughter of Cyreal Fairman.

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January 9, in Pike, by Justice Isaac Seymour, Morris Blakesly and Miss Jane Lewis.

January —, in Pike, by Justice Irad Stevens, William Jones and Miss Jane Segar.

February 8, by Justice Francis X. Homet, John F. Chamberlain and Miss Susan, daughter of William and Nancy (Sherman) Terry of Terrytown.

February 9, in Ridgebury, by Justice David Griswold, Leonard H. Pierce and Miss Cynthia Bidleman.

February 9, by Justice James Porter, King H. Cummins and Miss Sally Heckman, all of Ridgebury.

February 12, by Justice Asa Pratt, John W Griffin and Miss Lucy, daughter of Horace and Harriet (Chaapel) Spalding, all of Canton.

February 16, by Justice Alvin W. Thomas, Edmund Case and Miss Lucy Johnson, all of Troy.

February 18, by Justice Jared Holcomb, Henry Camp and Miss Sally Wood, both of Smithfield.

February 18, in Franklin, Susquehanna county, Lucius R. Finch of Towanda and Miss Charlotte Turner of Franklin.

February 23, by Justice Isaac Miller, William Nichols and Miss Lucinda, daughter of Jacob and Charlotte (Roberts) Scouten, all of Burlington.

March 9, by Rev. Benjamin Ellis, Delamer Taylor of Rome and Miss Melinda Fairchild of Herrick.

March 23, in Ridgebury, by Rev. Walter Brown, Cyrus McDugle of Chemung county, N. Y., and Miss Mary Ann Grey of Ridgebury.

March 23, in Ridgebury, by Rev. Walter Brown, Henry McDugle of Veteran, Chemung county, N. Y., and Miss Phebe Genung of Ridgebury.

April 2, in Smithfield, by Rev. John Doty, Harry Durfey and Miss Louise Califf.

April 30, Enos Califf and Miss Luzina, daughter of John and Mary Bird, both of Smithfield.

June 21, by Justice Frederick Fisher, Samuel Hoagland of Elkland, Lycoming county, and Miss Hannah Cox of Towanda township.

July 6, in Sugar Run, by Justice Ephraim Beeman, James H. Turrell and Miss Eunice, daughter of Ebenezer Horton.

August 20, in Great Barrington, Mass., by Rev. Mr. Gilbert, John C. Adams, attorney-at-law of Towanda, Pa., and Miss Lucy M., daughter of George Pynchon, Esq. of Great Barrington.

August 21, in Towanda, by Justice E. S. Goodrich, James Condin and Miss Ellen Deslaine.

Burr Ridgway.

Burr Ridgway was born April 17, 1780, of Quaker parentage, at Springfield, N. J. In 1803 he came to Wysox to take charge of Judge Hollenback's store and house of entertainment. He at once took an active interest in matters, tending to the development of a new country and exercised a beneficent influence in organizing and shaping the destinies of the new county of Bradford. He was trusted and beloved by the people, and was called upon to fill many positions of honor and responsibility. His duties were always ably performed and the confidence reposed was never broken. He was not only an important factor in the making of our county's history, but was a diligent recorder in his latter years in helping to preserve it. He served the people as County Commissioner, Prothonotary, Register and Recorder, was for many years a Justice of the Peace and filled various subordinate positions. He was editor and publisher of the *Bradford Gazette*, the first paper published in the county. The life of this princely and useful man came to a close, August 19, 1876, in his 97th year.

August 23, in Wysox, Joseph Conklin and Miss Sophia L., daughter of Shepard and Sally (Coolbaugh) Pierce.

September 4, Abel Platt and Miss Lucy Segar of Pike.

October 19, Bela Cogswell of Tuscarora and Miss Eunice Prentice.

November 9, James McKean of Troy and Miss Nancy, daughter of William and Polly Brace of Springfield.

November 12, in Sheshequin, Isaac Lyons and Miss Minerva, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Norton) Griffin.

December 27, in Sheshequin, by Rev. Noel Rouse, William J. Lent and Miss Harriet N., daughter of Abraham B. and Sally (Kennedy) Gore.

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March 22, Albert Tozer of Athens and Hiley Bovier of Southport, N. Y.

April 4, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, Josiah F. Stone and Miss Sarah Crofut.

April 4, in Asylum, at the residence of James A. Biles, by Justice Francis X. Homet, Charles Biles and Miss Jane Vannoy.

April 19, W. Ensley Gillett of Sheshequin and Miss Sarah, daughter of Elijah Townsend of Rome.

May 2, John Black and Miss Harriet Belding, both of Pike.

June 6, Dr. Eliphalet H. Mason of Towanda and Miss Philinda, daughter of Jared and Sophronia (Alden) Woodruff of Monroe.

August 12, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, Justice P. Wooster and Malvina Atherton.

August 17, in Towanda, by Justice Jared D. Goodenough, John Clark and Mary Leonard.

September 2, Samuel W. Shepard and Miss Amanda, daughter of Scovil and Jerusha Bailey of Granville.

September 5, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, Seelye Holcomb and Julianna Wooster.

November 18, in Sheshequin, John E. Horton and Miss Zipporah, daughter of James and Esther (Moore) Bidlack.

November 25, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, David Cole and Rachel Wilcox.

November 28, William E. Bull of Wysox and Miss Fannie W., daughter of Abraham B. and Sally (Kennedy) Gore of Sheshequin.

1839.

January 3, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, Redmond Bagley and Miss Eliza Pease, both of Canton.

Lura Crofut.

Lura, daughter of Seelye and Hannah (Holcomb) Crofut, was the first child born in the present township of LeRoy. She was born June 25, 1797; married, first, April 19, 1815, G Enos Wooster of LeRoy; second marriage, April 3, 1825, with Chauncey Chaapel of LeRoy. She was the mother of ten children, and with her second husband celebrated her golden wedding in 1875. Her whole life was spent in the town of her nativity, where she died April 6, 1876, aged nearly 79 years.

January 29, Edwin B. Coolbaugh and Miss Celestia I., daughter of Stephen and Mary (DeWitt) Strickland, both of Wysox.

February 25, Silas Mills of North Towanda and Miss Mary E., daughter of Eleazer Allis of Orwell.

February 28, in Wysox, Patrick Dunfee and Miss Happy, daughter of John and Harriet (Sickler) DeLong.

March 11, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, Ziba Morse and Miss Mary Minard.

April 9, in Towanda, by Rev. Julius Foster, Dr. Hiram Rice of Rome and Mrs. Amanda Nichols of Towanda.

May 22, Giles M. Hoyt and Miss Almira, daughter of Lodowick and Mary (Pierce) Green of Athens township. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

June 6, Daniel B. Cotton of Litchfield and Miss Julia Ann, daughter of John M. and Eunice (Forbes) Hicks of Rome.

September 1, in Columbia, Joseph Crediford and Miss Cynthia, daughter of Asa and Olive Bullock.

September 3, by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, Ephah M. Towner and Miss Abby Jane, daughter of Benjamin and Bathsheba (Janes) Taylor, both of Rome.

October 9, in Granville, by Justice Ira Crofut, Marcus A. Porter and Miss Emily Fenton.

November 20, in Sheshequin, Francis S. Ayer and Miss Sarah A., daughter of Josiah and Jerusha (Bingham) Tuttle.

December 31, by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, Charles Taylor and Miss Phebe, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Ditrich) Vought, both of Rome.

Records From 1840 to 1850.

JUSTICES of the Peace elected and commissioned for Bradford county from 1840 to 1850 were: 1840—Albany, Seth Stevens, Rollin Wilcox; Asylum, Joseph Homet, John Horton, Jr.: Athens borough, Castle H. Herrick, Thomas R. Davis; Athens township, John F. Satterlee, Job Shepard; Burlington, David Soper, Allen McKean; Canton, Asa Pratt, David Palmer; Columbia, Eli Burritt, Mial P. Slade; Franklin, Daniel Dodge; Herrick, William Sill, Calvin Stone; Granville, Seth K. Porter, Luman Putnam; LeRoy, Nathan E. Wilcox, Aaron Knapp; Litchfield, Cyrus Merrill, Samuel Davidson; Monroe, Henry S. Salisbury, Ashbel L. Cranmer; Orwell, Johnson Cowles, James D. Humphrey; Pike, Jesse E Bullock; Ridgebury, Dan A. Gillett, Jeremiah Davidson; Rome, Lemuel S. Maynard, John W. Woodburn; Sheshequin, George Kinney, James Brink; Smithfield, James Gerould, Orville P. Bassett; South Creek, Samuel Pettengell, William Goldsmith; Springfield, Samuel P. Mattocks; Towanda borough, Jared D. Goodenough, George H. Bull; Towanda township, Adonijah Taylor, Nathan Coon, Jr.; Troy, Benjamin Shattock, Churchill Barnes; Tuscarora, Henry J. Lacey, James B. Coburn; Ulster, Milton Bailey; Warren, Parley Coburn, Daniel A. Carey; Wells, James Roe, James M. Edsall; Windham, Seth Smith, Abraham Dunham; Wyalusing, John Elliott, Henry Gaylord; Wysox, Harry Morgan, Samuel Coolbaugh.

1841—Ulster, George W. Russell; Wysox, Samuel Kellum.

1842—Athens borough, Chester Park; Athens township, Samuel Warner; Canton, John Vandyke; Ridgebury, Johnson R. Coolbaugh; Standing Stone, Asa Stevens; Tuscarora, George Smith.

1843—Asylum, Thomas Ingham; Durell, Seldon S. Bradley, Jacob R. Emory; Springfield, Isaac W. Fassett; Towanda borough, David M. Bull.

1844—Armenia, John Lyon, Robert Mason; Franklin, Stuart Smiley; Herrick, Clark Camp; Smithfield, Augustus Phelps; To-

wanda borough, Daniel Vandercook; Towanda township, Samuel K. Harkness; Wyalusing, Alexander P. Biles.

1845—Albany, Hiram S. Wilcox, Peter Sterigere; Asylum, Uriah Terry; Athens borough, Edward H. Perkins; Athens township, John F. Satterlee; Burlington, Allen McKean, John V. Daniels; Canton, David Palmer; Columbia, Mial P. Slade, Peleg Peck; Franklin, William Blake; Granville, Luman Putnam, Benjamin Saxton; Herrick, William Angle; LeRoy, Orator Holcomb; Litchfield, Samuel Davidson, Thomas Park; Monroe, Ashbel L. Cranmer, Benjamin Coolbaugh; Orwell, James D. Humphrey, Eliphalet W. Warfield; Pike, Jesse E. Bullock; Ridgebury, Dan A. Gillett; Rome, John W. Woodburn, Sheshequin, Edmund Hill, Franklin Blackman; Smithfield, David Hill; South Creek, Gideon Ingersoll, William Goldsmith; Towanda borough, Jared D. Goodenough; Towanda township, Jesse Woodruff; Troy borough, Nicholas M. Carnochan; Troy township, Churchill Barnes; Tuscarora, Bela Cogswell; Ulster, Thomas Mather, Horatio Black; Warren, George Manning; Wells, James Roe, Shubal Rowlee, Windham, Charles Walker, Platt Rogers; Wyalusing, Henry Gaylord; Wysox, Chester Pierce, Jesse Allen.

1846—Armenia, Lysander C. Shepard; Athens borough, Lemuel H. Sherman; LeRoy, Jedediah Hunt; Pike, E. W. Jones; Rome, Perceptor Forbes; Springfield, Samuel P. Mattocks; Standing Stone, Samuel Kellum; Troy township, Elihu Case; Warren, Caleb Abell.

1847—Canton, Charles Stockwell; Orwell, Aaron Chubbuck; Ridgebury, James H. Webb; Springfield, I. C. Brown; Standing Stone, Alexander Ennis; Troy township, Samuel Allen; Ulster, George W. Russell; Wells, Orr Smith; Wyalusing, Levi P. Stalford.

1848—Asylum, Paul Quick; Durell, Seldon S. Bradley, Robert Bull; Orwell, Zebulon Frisbie; Troy borough, E. C. Oliver.

1849—Armenia, Robert Mason; Canton, George W. Griffin; Franklin, John M. Martin; Orwell, Henry Gibbs; Sheshequin, William Campbell; Smithfield, Augustus Phelps; Springfield, Hiram W. Root, Theodore Wilder; South Creek, Linus Williams; Standing Stone, Lloyd L. Washburn; Towanda borough, Daniel Vandercook; Towanda township, H. L. Scott; Wyalusing, John F. Chamberlain.

1850—Albany, James Heverly, Joseph Menardi; Asylum, Uriah Terry; Athens borough, Edward H. Perkins; Athens township, Daniel Gardner, Israel Stone; Burlington, Samuel W. Miller; Canton, David Palmer; Columbia, Dummer Lilley; Franklin, Stuart Smiley; Granville, Benjamin Saxton, Robert Bailey; Herrick, Almon Fuller; LeRoy, Edmund Kelley; Litchfield, Samuel Davidson, A. F. Camp-

bell ; Monroe, Joseph B. Smith, Thomas M. Wilson ; Pike, James Hodge ; Ridgebury, Calvin T. Cowell, Mark A. Burt ; Rome, John A. Moody ; Sheshequin, Franklin Blackman ; South Creek, John Thompson ; Towanda borough, Jared D. Goodenough ; Towanda township, Jesse Woodruff ; Troy township, N. M. Carnochan ; Tuscarora, Bela Cogswell ; Ulster, Thomas Mather ; Warren, George Manning; Wells, Shubal Rowlee ; Wilmot, Henry Gaylord ; Windham, John B. Gibson Babcock, Levi Pease ; Wysox, Jesse Allen, Chester Pierce.

MINISTERS taking charges were : 1840—Henry C. Coombs, Truman Hendrix, George W. Spratt, J. N. Noble, Robert G Hays, J. K. Tinkham, R. T. Hancock, Curtis Thurston, Thomas Mitchell (living 1912, in his 95th year) ; 1841—Edward Ely, A. Abbott ; 1842—Jacob Leach, Father Mansfield, Isaac Todd, Moses Ingalls, George Wilson, George P. Hopkins, Freeman Lane, M. B. Williams, J. R. McCord ; 1843—John M. Coggshall, Samuel F. Colt, George Watson, Silas A. Gibson, Carle L. Erle ; 1844—Joseph W. Parker, Ithiel B. Reynolds, LeviMorse, John W. Nevins, John Ivison ; 1845– Asa S. Colton, A. Augustus Marple, Barclay A. Smith, Jesse B. Saxton, Milton Shepard, Silas H. Hazard ; 1846—Bernard Wood, Edward Hotchkiss, James Ingalls, George W. Stone ; 1847—D. S. Chase, Philander Camp, Robert J. Parvin ; 1848 -Isaac B. Lake, Thomas Thomas, E. E. Orvis, Charles Huntington ; 1849—James D. Webster, Ira J. Sturdevant, William H. King, John N. Brown ; 1850—Darwin Cook, T. Miller, Benjamin J. Douglass, Jacob Kennedy, Samuel A. Williams—Edwin Bronson, Nathaniel Elmer, DeWitt C. Byllesby, George Rogers, G. S. Ames, William A. Brown, John R. Smith, William Santee, James Parsons, James R. Burdick, Father Basil A. Shorb, Father Ahern.

Marriages—1840.

January 1, by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, James M. Nelson of Windham and Miss Elizabeth Olds of Orwell.

January 1, Giles N. DeWolf of Pike and Miss Emeline Buffington of Warren.

January 5, by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, Chester C. Wage of Orwell and Miss Ellen, daughter of James and Chloe (Parks) Lent of Rome.

January 14, in Sheshequin, Hiram Saunders and Miss Martha E., daughter of Warren and Martha (Ensley) Gillett.

January 23, in LeRoy, Harvey Holcomb and Diana Rockwell.

January 26, by Justice Jared Holcomb, Hiram Tompkins and Miss Catury Deats, both of Sheshequin.

January 30, by Rev. Edwin Bronson, Thomas T. Wierman of

Adams county, Pa., and Miss Emily Victorine, daughter of Joseph M. and Elizabeth (Whitney) Piollet of Wysox.

February 1, in Towanda by Justice J. D. Goodenough, David Chilson and Jane Bennett.

February 5, Chester Schoonover and Miss Adelia, daughter of Ebenezer Horton of Sugar Run.

February 6, by Hon. John McKean, James W. Decker of Towanda and Miss Sarah Fox of Monroe.

February 9, by Rev. Mr. Freeman, Joshua Burrows of Gibson, Susquehanna county, and Miss Harriet E., daughter of Benajah and Mary (Olmstead) Bostwick of Pike. Mr. Burrows, born August 25, 1817, is still living (1912).

February 13, by Justice Allen McKean, William Findlay McKean and Miss Dorleski E. DeWitt, all of Burlington.

February 18, by Rev Isaac Todd, Frederick Orwin and Miss Lucinda M., daughter of Jere Adams, all of Troy.

February 24, James Cleveland and Orinda Allis, both of Orwell.

February 25, by Justice Francis X. Homet, Enos G. Chapman and Miss Mary Dodge, all of Asylum.

February 25, by Rev. Walter Bullard, Major Ezra Long of Troy and Miss Abigail H. Sherman of Athens.—"The celebration of the nuptials was attended by a large concourse of people, and was accompanied by Divine service through the day and an address by Major Long, after which the company partook of appropriate refreshments prepared by the bridegroom. We would briefly remark, that the occasion was one of joy and festivity, and doubtless will long be remembered by all present. Major Long would also tender his thanks to the large choir in attendance, whose excellent performance made the occasion doubly gratifying."—*Banner and Democrat.*

March 5, in LeRoy by Justice Ira Crofut, I. Seeley Crofut and Miss Seba, daughter of Eli and Harriet (Bailey) Holcomb.

March 10, by Rev. Silas E. Shepard, Charles N. Strait of Columbia and Miss Irene, only daughter of Senator Elihu Case of Troy.

March 11, by Rev. Mr. Thatcher, David Nichols and Miss Cordelia Hill, both of Wysox.

March 11, by Rev. Silas E. Shepard, John H. Furman and Miss Diana, only daughter of Curtis Merritt, both of Columbia.

March 26, in LeRoy, by Justice Ira Crofut, Richard H. Benson and Miss Mary Ann Bailey.

March 27, in Rome, Lewis Goff and Miss Charlotte M. Taylor.

April 15, in Towanda, by Rev. Julius Foster, Amos Pennypacker and Miss Julia Ann Buck.

April 16, Lewis Wood and Miss Sophia, daughter of Ziba and Eliza A. (Bird) Gerould, both of Smithfield.

April 30, by Rev. Silas E Shepard, James M. Edsall of Wells and Miss Jerusha B. Gladding of Columbia.

May 14, by Rev. Silas E. Shepard, Dr. William S. Baker of Canton and Miss Nancy Rockwell of Troy.

July 1, by Rev. Julius Foster, Gilbert Seaman and Miss Mary L. Spalding, all of Towanda.

July 1, by Rev. James Hodge, Jesse E. Bullock of LeRaysville and Miss Margaret B., daughter of Rufus and Betsey Wright of Smithfield.

July 6, by Rev. J. R. Burdick, Benjamin Smiley of Franklin and Miss Eliza Packard of Canton.

"July 11, by Rev. Isaac D. Jones, Joseph Clark, aged 18, and Miss Mindwell, aged 13, eldest daughter of Ezra Baxter, both of Granville." —*Banner and Democrat.*

August 13, by Rev. Mr. Thatcher, A. M. Warner of Towanda and Miss Mary E. Piper of Wysox.

August 24, by Rev. Ira Smith, Rev. Charles L. Brown and Mary Acla, both of Monroe.

August 31, in Windham, Wyoming county, by Elder J. W. Parker, Thomas Mitchell, Jr., itinerant preacher at Rome and Ulster, and Miss Maria Whipple. Rev. Mitchell, born December 15, 1817, is still living (1912) at Troy, Pa.

September 1, in Terrytown, by Rev. George Printz, Austin Stalford and Miss Orice, daughter of Major John Horton.

September 2, in Wysox, Debir Ridgway and Miss Olive Amanda, daughter of Benjamin Ball.

September 9, by Justice John Elliott, George Terry of Asylum and Miss Martha Knott of Wyalusing.

September 10, at LeRaysville, by Rev. G. W. Seaman, George K. Taylor of Towanda and Miss Anna M. Goodwin of Rush, Susquehanna county.

September 10, at LeRaysville, by Rev. G. W. Seaman, Nelson Taylor and Miss Martha Fletcher.

September 14, by Justice John Horton, Daniel Baker of Ridgebury and Miss Hannah Quick of Asylum.

September 14, by Justice John Elliott, Orrin Ross of Middletown, Susquehanna county, and Miss Ella Sears of Wyalusing.

September 16, Cyrus Cook and Miss Caroline A., daughter of Oliver Ellsworth, both of Orwell.

September 22, in Sheshequin, Ulysses E. Horton and Miss Sally, daughter of Joseph and Jemima (Horton) Elliott.

Autumn 1840, in Sheshequin, by Rev. Joseph Towner, James Smith and Miss Diana, daughter of Nathaniel and Tabitha (Horton) Shores.

October 12, by Justice Ashbel L. Cranmer, John Bowman and Miss Elvira Roots, both of Asylum.

October 17, by Justice Ashbel L. Cranmer, Joel Grist and Miss Lavina Shiner, both of Burlington.

October 19, by Rev. Edwin Bronson, Rev. Julius Foster and Miss Brunette, daughter of John and Mary (Fowler) Fox, both of Towanda.

October 22, Silas P. Gore of Sheshequin and Miss Rebecca, daughter of Col. Robert and Aurelia (Satterlee) Spalding of Wysox.

November 3, in Ulster, by Rev. J. K. Tinkham, Waterman Galucia and Miss Amanda M. Berry.

November 8, in Ulster, by Rev. J. K. Tinkham, William Bowman and Miss Jane Harsh.

November 28, in Williamsport, by Rev. J. P. Hudson, Hon. John Laporte of Asylum and Miss Eliza Brindle of Williamsport

December 8, in Canton, by Justice Asa Pratt, Col. William Ross and Miss Amanda Pratt.

December 17, by Justice J. M. Edsall, Aaron Cook and Miss Mary Haven, both of Columbia.

December 23, by Rev. Mr. Thatcher, John M. Martin and Miss Amazilla Beardsley, both of Wysox.

December 24, by Rev. Mr. Abbott, Andrew W. Vangorder and Miss Jane Benjamin, both of Monroe.

December 24, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Seely Boals and Miss Emily Gifford, all of Towanda.

December 24, by Rev. Edwin Bronson, Harry G. Goff and Miss Ellen, daughter of William and Margaret (Vought) Coolbaugh, both of Monroe.

December 26, in Smithfield, by Rev. W. H. H. Dwyer, D. P. Gillett and Miss Isabell Califf.

December 30, by Rev. G. S. Ames, Nathan Edminster and Miss Sarah Snell, both of Ulster

December 31, in Smithfield, by Rev. W. H. H. Dwyer, Horace Wilcox and Miss Mary Warren.

December 31, by Rev. Julius Foster, Nehemiah Foster and Miss Helen A. Taylor, all of Towanda.

1841.

January 1, by Justice Aaron Knapp, Lewis T. Riggs and Angeline S. Wilcox, all of LeRoy.

January 1, by Justice J. M. Edsall, Henry Hagerman and Miss Abigail Havens, all of Columbia.

January 7, by Rev. James Hodge, Charles Kingsbury, formerly of New York, and Miss Melissa Weed of LeRaysville.

January 7, by Rev. Mr. Thatcher, James G. Brown of Windsor, Broome county, N. Y., and Miss Mary Ellen, daughter of William and Joanna (Hickok) Myer of Wysox.

January 13, in Sheshequin, Hiram L. Blackman and Miss Caroline, daughter of Parley and Eunice (Smith) Ayer.

January 13, in Windham, Luzerne county, by Rev. J. W. Parker, Rev. William H. H. Dwyer of Smithfield, Bradford county, and Miss Amanda D. Whitcomb.

January 15, by Rev. Pentacost Sweet, Col. W. E. Barton and Miss Emma Ann, daughter of James Gerould, all of Smithfield.

January 25, by Justice Asa Pratt, J. M. Hewitt of Petran, N. Y., and Miss Sarah Jane Greeno of Canton.

January 28, by Rev. G. S. Ames, John L. Johnson of Pitcher, Chemung county, N. Y., and Jane L. Pierce of Smithfield.

January 28, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Simon O'Neal and Margaret Chasse.

February 8, by Justice Aaron Knapp, John C. Tice of LeRoy and Miss Lorena, daughter of Dyer and Charlotte (Wilcox) Ormsby.

March 3, in Sheshequin, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Daniel J. Horton and Miss Rhoda, daughter of Sullivan and Catherine (Deyeo) Chaffee.

March 4, by Justice Aaron Knapp, Harvey Scudder and Miss Lydia Miles, both of LeRoy.

March 4, by Rev. George Printz, Pharos Ackley of Spring Hill and Miss Emeline Camp of Wyalusing.

March 17, in Standing Stone, by Justice Harry Morgan, Joseph Mingle and Miss Catharine, daughter of James and Anna (Vought) Holley.

April 4, by Justice Allen McKean, James Ward and Miss Emaline Johnson, both of Troy.

April 4, in Monroe, by Rev. Pentacost Sweet, Kelsus W. Nichols and Miss Harriet Ann Smith.

May 6, Henry T. Newman and Miss Martha Bowen, both of Warren.

May 18, by Rev. Moses Thatcher, Joseph B. Ridgway and Miss Celinda, eldest daughter of Abner C. and Augusta (York) Hinman, all of Wysox.

May 31, by Justice John Horton, Jr., Charles Bush of Asylum and Miss Maria Miles of LeRoy.

June 15, in Terrytown, by Rev. George Printz, Dr. Nathan Wells and Miss Mary, daughter of Major John and Nancy (Miller) Horton.

July 1, by Rev. Erastus Smith, Herman W. Browning of Rome and Miss Mary Clotilda, daughter of Naphtali and Rebecca (Lewis) Woodburn of Wysox.

August 3, Major John Horton, Jr. of Terrytown and Lydia Malther.

September 8, by Rev. Erastus Smith, Philander Barnes and Miss Abigail Wage, both of Orwell.

September 16, in Wysox, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Abram Shores and Miss Jane, daughter of Nathaniel and Tabitha (Horton) Shores.

September 23, in Monroe, by Rev. G. M. Spratt, Wm. A. Mason Miss Angeline Cheney.

September 26, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Patrick Moran and Margaret Craft.

October 14, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Michael Mally and Margaret Herrick.

October 17, by Justice Allen McKean, James Jones of Pike and Miss Lydia Smith of Springfield.

October 21, by Justice Luman Putnam, Ezra Loomis of Troy and Miss Harriet, daughter of Asa and Celia (Leonard) Pratt of Canton.

October 24, by Justice Luman Putnam, Caleb J. Parker of Granville and Miss Harriet Keeny of Burlington.

October 27, by Rev. S. W. Alden, Marvin Coolbaugh and Miss Betsy Granteer, both of Canton.

October 28, in Orwell, by Rev. D. Torrey, Wesley Robinson and Miss Betsy Wage.

November 7, by Rev. D. Torrey, Daniel Cole of Wysox and Miss Emily A. Matteson of Orwell.

November 10, by Rev. James Hodge, Augustus S. Smith and Miss Sarah M., daughter of Capt. Philo Baldwin, all of Pike.

November 10, in Towanda, by Rev. George Watson, David F. Barstow and Miss Amelia Ann, daughter of Col. Hiram and Elizabeth (Martin) Mix. — "Accompanying the above notice, we received a bottle of the choicest champagne, whereupon our office was called to order and resolved into a committee of the whole, on the state of the *union*—

the *imp* in the chair. The contents of the bottle having been fairly and fully discussed, the *imp* offered the following sentiment, which was unanimously adopted: "The new married couple, may their lives be prolonged, their cares Amel-a-rated, their enjoyments Ann-i-mated and their connubial felicity Mix-ed only with contentment and prosperity.' The committee rose wishing our friends, the bride and groom, real pleasure and sham-pain for ever."—*Bradford Porter.*

November 11, by Rev. Mr. Thatcher, Ransom W. Coolbaugh and Miss Anna Martin, all of Wysox.

November 16, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Dennis Fletcher and Fanny Babcock.

November 16, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Michael Crimmins and Hannah Hennessey.

November 21, Jesse Sumner and Miss Louisa, daughter of Ziba and Eliza A. (Bird) Gerould, both of Smithfield.

December 27, by Justice Joseph Homet, Stephen Lynch and Miss Marian Shively, all of Asylum.

December 29, by Rev. Mr. Parker, Elder Isaac B. Lake of Braintrim and Polly Bixby of Asylum.

December 30, by Justice Henry Gaylord, Henry Kline of Asylum and Catherine Brown of Wyalusing.

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January 1, by Rev. D. Torrey, Albert Prince and Catherine Chaffee, all of Orwell.

January 1, by Justice John Horton, Jr., Richard Jennings of Asylum and Sally Jane Coe of Susquehanna county.

January 4, by Rev. George Printz, John F. Dodge of Asylum and Miss Melissa, daughter of Major John Elliott of Wyalusing.

January 14, by Justice Luman Putnam, William Shoemaker and Miss Laurinda Lane of Burlington.

January 26, by Justice Allen McKean, Joseph L. Woodin and Miss Sarah Jane Vroman, both of Granville.

February 3, in Washington, D. C., by Rev. O. B. Brown, William Patton, Esq. of Towanda and Mrs. Ann Gai, late of Philadelphia.

February 9, by Rev. Ambrose Abbott, William A. Chamberlain and Miss Celestia, daughter of Lorin and Electa (Kellogg) Shaw, both of Towanda.

February 15, by Rev. James R. Burdick, Bingham L. Rockwell and Miss Abbey Pierce, both of Troy.

February 15, by Rev. W. H. H. Dwyer, Horace S. Holcomb of LeRoy and Miss Betsey E. Allen of Smithfield.

February 15, by Rev. W. H. H. Dwyer, Warren Allen and Miss Emma Hall, all of Smithfield.

February 22, in Monroe, by Justice A. L Cranmer, Godfrey Vought and Miss Lucy Wilson.

March 8, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Michael Croak and Mary Cummins.

March 10, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Philander Sage and Miss Mary Beardsley, all of Towanda.

March 16, Edward Wooster and Miss Calista, daughter of Eli and Harriet (Bailey) Holcomb of LeRoy.

March 21, by Rev. Julius Foster, John M. Sheperd of Bridgewater, Susquehanna county and Miss Fanny C. Martin of Towanda.

March 30, Ebenezer C. Drake and Miss Eunice, daughter of Hiram and Phebe (Russell) Drake of Rome.

March 31, by Justice A. Taylor, David Smith and Miss Emily Taylor, all of Towanda township.

April 3, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, John Conway and Mary Sweeney.

May 29, in Towanda, by J. D. Goodenough, Joseph Dowers and Sarah Lambert.

June 2, by Justice Allen McKean, Hiram C. Greenough of Millport, N. Y. and Miss Harriet Jane, daughter of Aldrick Ward of Troy.

June 2, by Rev. S. E. Shepard, Philander Rockwell and Miss Experience Hugg, all of Troy.

June 15, in Springfield, Luther C. Vanhorn and Miss Esther W., daughter of Clark Hooker.

June 23, by Justice Milton Bailey, Samuel Lewis Barns and Miss Eliza Jane, daughter of Matthew and Betsy (Whitman) Cannan, both of Rome.

June 29, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Geo. Vincent of Sheshequin and Miss Margaret, daughter of Simeon and Catherine (Lent) Rockwell of Rome.

July 6, by Rev. James Hodge, Hilland D. Chaffee of Rome and Miss Eliza E. Humphrey of Pike.

July 13, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Ozias Wheeler and Ellen Flatt.

July 24, in Pike, Samuel J. Bosworth of Wyalusing and Miss Ann Eliza, daughter of Thomas Brink.

July 28, by Justice John Elliott, Leander S. Sawyer of Lee county, Illinois, and Miss Nancy, daughter of Cyrus Shumway of Tuscarora.

August 15, by Rev. Mr. Bogardis, Alonzo Potter and Ann Eliza Humphrey, both of Orwell.

August 24, by Justice J. W. Woodburn, Daniel Eiklor and Miss Wealthy Ann Roe, both of Rome.

August 31, by Rev. George M. Spratt, Franklin D. Fowler of Monroe and Miss Maria H. Day, formerly of Providence, R. I.

September 21, by Justice Milton Bailey, Albanus M Traugh and Miss Mary M. Miller of Towanda township.

September 21, by Rev. James Hodge, Harry Lane of Candor, N. Y., and Miss Betsey A. Beeman of Pike.

September 29, Edward K. Saben and Miss Margaret, daughter of John Wood of Standing Stone.

October 3, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, James B. Warren and Fanny Sickler.

October 3, John Drake of Rome and Miss Louisa Decker.

October 5, in Standing Stone, by Rev. Joseph Towner, J. H. Rubert and Miss Amanda Lantz.

October 16, William W. Irvine and Miss Eliza E., daughter of Jeremiah and Betsy (Orcutt) Hollon, both of Monroe.

October 19, in Sheshequin, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Charles Chaffee and Miss Adaline, daughter of David and Hannah (Newell) Horton.

October 20, in Smithfield, by Justice Milton Bailey, James Lenox and Miss Emily W. Elsbree.

October 20, in Smithfield, by Rev. W. H. H. Dwyer, George Crowell and Miss Harriet Randall.

October 27, by Rev. George M. Spratt, Nelson Reynolds and Miss Clarissa Knapp, both of LeRoy.

October 29, by Rev Philo Blackman, Horatio J. Chubbuck and Miss Almira Chaffee, both of Orwell.

October 30, by Justice Aaron Knapp, Levi Taylor of Granville and Miss Sarah Campbell of Tioga county.

November 1, by Justice L. L. Bosworth, George Gaylord of Braintrim, Wyoming county, and Miss Susan Root of Pike.

November 2, by Rev. Isaac Todd, Adolphus D. Spalding and Miss Laura, daughter of Capt. Solomon Morse, all of Troy.

November 5, William Barnes and Miss Sarah, daughter of Henry and Wealthy (Rutty) Strope, both of Towanda township.

November 9, by Rev. George M. Spratt, John Taylor and Miss Barbara Kinner of Ulster.

November 16, by Rev. King Elwell, Jonathan Brink and Miss Abigail Stevens, both of Pike.

November 19, by Rev. George M. Spratt, George Coganspargeer and Catharine Cranmer, both of Monroe.

November 20, at the Episcopal church in Towanda, by Rev. George Watson, Orrin D. Bartlett and Miss Mary E., eldest daughter of Dr. John N. and Mary (Dodson) Weston.

November 24, by Rev. George M. Spratt, Ezra Spalding of Franklin and Miss Susan Arnout of Monroe.

December 3, by Justice Milton Bailey, George H. Joslyn of Nichols, N. Y., and Miss Eunice Olmstead of Ulster.

December 5, by Justice Aaron Knapp, John H. Webber of Franklin and Miss Minerva Crofut of LeRoy.

December 8, by Justice Harry Morgan, William Keeler and Miss Sally Robinson, both of Towanda.

December 8, in Wysox, James O. Frost of Orwell and Miss Chloe, daughter of Chester Hill.

December 10, in Sheshequin, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Russell S. Ayer and Miss Wealthy Ann, daughter of Franklin and Sibyl (Beardsley) Blackman.

December 21, in Nichols, N. Y., by Rev. E. G. Bush, William H. Baird of Towanda and Miss Frances C., eldest daughter of Dr. Gamaliel H. Barstow.

December 27, by Rev. Isaac Todd, Samuel Owen of Canton and Miss Adeline, daughter of Capt. Solomon Morse of Troy.

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January 3, in Columbia, by Rev. Mr. Mansfield, Ebenezer Lilley of Canton and Miss Emeline Slade of Columbia.

January 9, by Rev. Julius Foster, Col. Elhanan Smith and Miss Ruth Ann Briggs, all of Towanda.

January 17, by Rev. George M. Spratt, James Ruth and Miss Emeline Lantz, both of Monroe township.

January 18, by Rev. D. Palmer, Dummer Lilley of Columbia and Miss Minerva Thomas of Troy.

February 1, by Rev. I. H. Kellogg, B. F. Powell, junior editor of the *Bradford Argus*, and Miss Cynthia E., daughter of S. S. Bailey, all of Towanda.

February 1, in Granville, by Justice Luman Putnam, Elkanah Roby and Miss Phebe Ross.

February 7, in Ulster, by Justice Milton Bailey, Milton Holcomb and Miss Polly Simons.

February 22, by Justice Milton Bailey, Chester Holcomb and Miss Orilla Fassett, both of LeRoy.

February 28, by Justice A. Taylor, Asa Miller and Miss Mary Ann Coon, all of Towanda township.

February 28, by Rev. I. H. Kellogg, Thomas P. Woodruff and Miss Martha R. Briggs, all of Towanda.

March 8, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Anthony Mullen and Miss Harriet L., daughter of Ebenezer and Martha (Harwood) Mason, all of Monroeton.

March 9, by Justice Cyrus Merrill, Ezra Munn and Miss Jane Chandler, all of Litchfield.

March 9, in Springfield, by Justice Churchill Barnes, John E. Goodrich and Miss Nancy C. Burgess

March 15, in Rome, by Rev. Thomas Mitchell, Elijah F. Barns and Miss Amanda, daughter of Ernest and Polly (Smith) Forbes.

March 22, by Justice D. M. Bull, Philip Sickler and Miss Mary Hibbard, all of Towanda.

March —, by Justice A. Taylor, Jacob Tanner of Franklin and Miss Mary Merithew of Towanda.

April 1, by Justice David M. Bull, William Powers and Miss Margaret Welch, both of Troy.

April 7, by Rev. George M. Spratt, Lewis Lewis of Ulster and Miss Mary Mingos of Towanda township.

May 1, by Justice Luman Putnam, Tyrus Himes of Troy and Miss Emeline, daughter of Hugh and Prudence (Bailey) Holcomb of LeRoy.

May 1, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Jonas Strous and Sarah Mingos.

May 7, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Sterling Blackman and Miss Aurelia Bostwick, both of Sheshequin.

May 15, in Dryden, N. Y., Samuel W. Pomeroy of Troy and Miss A. Malvina, daughter of Edward and Olive Davison.

May 17, by Justice A. Taylor, Weston Harvey and Miss Nancy French, both of Franklin.

May 23, in Sheshequin, by Justice George Kinney, Richard C. Horton and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John M. and Rachel (Brink) Smith.

May 24, by Rev. C. C. Corss, Orlanda O. Shipman and Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Col. William H. and Eliza (Saltmarsh) Overton, both of Athens.

June 1, Francis Homet of Wyalusing and Miss Mary, daughter of Oliver Gilbert of Asylum.

June 7, Ezra Rutty, Jr. of North Towanda and Miss Ellen Wilson of Wheeling, Va.

"June 17, by Justice B. Shattuck, John Freelove, aged 70, and Miss Martha Avery, aged 63, both of Troy."—*Bradford Porter.*

June 18, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Wesley Vanness and Miss Celestia, daughter of Joel and Rebecca (Pierce) Tuttle, both of Standing Stone.

June 29, in Durell, by Rev. Julius Foster, George W. Coolbaugh and Miss Christiana, daughter of William and Achsah (Robinson) Cowell.

July 1, by Justice L. L. Maynard, William Stephenson and Miss Theresa, daughter of Tobias Lent of Rome.

July 13, by Rev. Thomas Mitchell, R. Random Woodburn of Cherry Valley, N. Y., and Rebecca Fydelia, daughter of Naphtali and Rebecca (Lewis) Woodburn of Wysox.

July 27, by Rev. S J. Gibson, Rev. T. L. Clark of Elmira, N. Y., and Miss Maria Louisa Stacy of Springfield.

July 29, by Rev. James Hodge, Benjamin A. Carey and Miss Louise Billings, both of Warren.

August 16, in Sheshequin, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Francis VanNorstran of Owego, N. Y., and Miss Eliza, daughter of William and Hannah (Parks) Snyder.

August 22, in Wyalusing, Elmore Horton and Miss Mary, daughter of Raphael Stone

September 1, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Franklin Knowles and Christianna Shaffer.

October 15, by Rev. George M. Spratt, E. Reuben Delong and Miss Abigail, daughter of Silas and Abigail (Harris) Scovell, both of Towanda township.

October 23, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Gardner Odell and Catharine Ingalls.

October 31, Samuel B. Clark of Merryall and Priscilla Ashton of Prattville, Pa.

November 9, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, George Smith and Miss Eugenia, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Lewis) Lyon, both of Monroe.

November 17, William S. Rundell and Miss Nancy, daughter of Joshua and Polly (Gregg) Bailey, both of Towanda township.

November 23, Cyrus M. Clark of Terrytown and Nancy Mitchell of Wyalusing.

November 29, in Frenchtown, by Rev. W. Williams, Col. Charles F. Welles, Jr. and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John and Matilda (Chamberlain) Laporte of Asylum.

December 7, by Elder Harman, Horace G. Chubbuck of Orwell and Miss Sarah E. Knapp of Smithboro, N. Y.

December 10, in Sheshequin, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Russell S. Ayer and Miss Wealthy Ann, daughter of Col. Franklin and Sibyl (Beardsley) Blackman.

December 14, in Wilkes-Barre, by Rev. John Dorrance, John Passmore of Rome and Miss Jane Shoemaker.

December 24, by Justice A. L. Cranmer, Hiram Goff and Miss Catherine Horton, all of Monroe.

December —, by Rev. E. Bennett, James Mattocks and Miss Anna Jones, both of Springfield.

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January 1, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, William Craft and Anna Lynch.

January 17, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Benjamin L. MacAfee and Miss Nellie, daughter of Abraham Fretts, both of Sheshequin.

January 18, Ezra P. Allen of Smithfield and Miss Honnor H. Harris of Coleraine, Mass.

January 25, in Windham, by Rev. Joseph Towner, John C. Lent and Miss Sarah Berry.

January 31, by Rev. Julius Foster, Edward Elwell, Esq. of Tunkhannock and Miss Ellen M , daughter of Rogers and Almeda (Morgan) Fowler of Monroe.

February 4, by Justice Allen McKean, Philander Hall of Owego, N. Y., and Miss Laura Clark of Burlington.

February 7, by Justice L. L. Bosworth, Capt. J. M. Brister of Middletown, Susquehanna county, and Miss Lydia, daughter of Benjamin Brink of Pike

February 14, by Justice Allen McKean, James S. McKean and Miss Sarah Blackwell, all of Burlington.

February 22, by Rev. M. Ruger, Samuel Buck and Martha Makinson, all of Pike.

February 28, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Lemuel S. Kingsbury of Sheshequin and Miss Sarah Osborn of Nichols, N. Y.

March 3, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Nathan B. Harrison of Albany and Miss Ellen C. Ives of Monroeton.

March 26, by Rev Thomas Mitchell, Thomas Hill and Miss Elizabeth Russell, all of Rome.

March 29, by Rev. P. Blackman, Orlando Chubbuck of Wysox and Miss Eunice Towner of Rome.

April 10, by Rev. J. W. Nevins, Thomas T. Smiley of Franklin

and Miss Lydia A., daugnter of Burr and Alice (Coolbaugh) Ridgway of Monroe.

May 2, by Rev. Curtis Thurston, C. S. Park of Athens and Miss Elizabeth Chamberlain of Factoryville, N. Y.

May 22, in Sheshequin, by Justice Milton Bailey, Caleb B. Rice and Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Matson) Stephenson.

May 22, by Justice Allen McKean, Oliver D. Perry and Miss Martha Lemira, daughter of Jeremiah Taylor, both of Granville.

June 10, in Elmira, by Rev. Mr. VanZant, H. Stanley Comstock of Athens and Miss Clarissa Kingsbury of Elmira.

July 11, by Rev. M. Ruger, Samuel Lyon of Warren and Miss Hannah Makinson of Pike.

June 19, by Rev. Thomas Mitchell, Orson Rickey of Athens and Miss Martha E., daughter of Sylvester and Sally (Goff) Barns of Rome.

June 19, in Sheshequin, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, O. H. P. Kinney and Miss Mary Eggett

June 29, in Washington City, by Rev. Mr. Hawley, Col. D M., Bull of Towanda and Miss Martha Jane, daughter of William M. McCauley of Washington.

July 11, George W. Griffin and Miss Mary, daughter of Thomas Owen, both of Canton.

August 18, in Sheshequin, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Valentine Smith and Miss Temperance Thompson.

September 12, by Rev. David Palmer, S. R. Crane of Wolcott, N. Y., and Miss Lorinda Wood of Smithfield.

September 16, by Rev. S. F. Colt, George W. Elliott of Wyalusing and Miss Adaline Taylor of Spring Hill.

September 19, by Rev. Julius Foster, William Elwell, Esq. and Miss Mary A. Thayer, all of Towanda.

December 18, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Daniel B. Walker of Nichols, N. Y., and Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Edmund and Mary Ann (Cash) Lockwood of Ulster.

December 19, by Rev. J. W. Nevins, John Wilcox and Miss Jane Britton, all of Towanda.

December 24, in Monroe, by Rev. J. W. Nevins, Orlando N. Salisbury and Miss Sophia, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Lewis) Lyon.

December 31, by Justice Allen McKean, Charles Taylor of Burlington and Miss Abigail Brigham of Smithfield

1845.

January 1, William H. H. Holcomb of LeRoy and Polly Bullock.

January 29, by Justice Luman Putnam, Malvin Wooster and Miss Fidelia, daughter of Marlin and Electa (Bailey) Holcomb, both of LeRoy.

February 5, by Rev. Joseph Towner, George Horton and Miss Amelia Billings, both of Sheshequin.

February 12, by Rev. Julius Foster, E. A. Parsons, senior editor of the *Bradford Argus*, and Miss Ethlin A., daughter of Jesse Brown of Sheshequin.

February 19, by Justice Augustus Phelps, D. W. Kingsbury of Huntington, Pa., and Miss Oliva, daughter of Eleazor King of Smithfield.

February 19, by Rev. James Hodge, Warren Drinkwater and Miss Almira Pratt, all of Pike.

February 19, in Pike, Elrakin W. Todd of Elkhorn Grove, Ill., and Miss Mahetabel, daughter of William and Charlotte Buck.

February 20, by Rev. George M. Spratt, A. K. Peckham of Tunkhannock, Pa., and Miss Jane A. P. Manville of Towanda.

February 27, by Justice Luman Putnam, John P. Bush and Miss Emily Rockwell, all of Granville.

April 13, by Justice Wm. Blake, Burton Brown and Miss Eve Brissee, all of Franklin.

April 17, in Rome, by Rev. H. E. Whitney, George Sibley and Miss Cordelia Russell.

April 22, in Harrisburg, by Rev. W. R. DeWitt, Richard C. DeArmond of Philadelphia and Miss E. M. Kellogg of Towanda.

April 25, by Rev. J. W. Nevins, Wm. L. Lyon and Miss Lemira Fisher, both of Monroe.

April 25, by Rev. Isaac Todd, Albion Budd of Columbia and Miss Celestia Parsons of Troy.

May 8, by Justice Luman Putnam, John Miles and Margaret Armstrong, all of Granville.

May 15, in Wyalusing, by Rev. Samuel F. Colt, William Vanlooven and Hannah Merritt.

June 4. by Rev. Joseph Towner, Smith Forbes and Lydia Ann Crandall, all of Rome.

June 26, in Wyalusing, by Rev. Samuel F. Colt, John A. Miller and Miss Diantha Maria Boyle.

July 3, by Justice John W. Woodburn, John Ennis of Standing

Stone and Miss Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sherman) Coolbaugh of Asylum.

July 4, by Rev. L. B. Belding, H. H. Belding of Allegheny, N. Y., formerly of LeRaysville, and Miss Sarah A. Bowen of Warren.

July 9, by Rev. Mr. Yarrington, Corrington E. Taylor of Rome and Miss Emeline A. Warner of Pike.

July 31, Bartholomew Laporte of Asylum and Miss Emily Terry of Terrytown.

August 1, by Rev. Thomas Mitchell, William H. Reynolds of Elmira, N. Y., and Miss Rosette Mattocks of Springfield.

August 5, by Rev. George M. Spratt, George H. Vandyke and Miss Caroline Hutchinson, both of Ulster.

August 28, Hiram A. Case and Miss Sophia A., daughter of Francis and Pricello (Wilsey) Smead, both of Troy.

August 28, Francis Homet and Miss Ada, daughter of William Chamberlain, both of Wyalusing.

September 5, by Rev. Jeremiah Barnes, Almerin J. Taylor of Rome and Miss Esther Hornbeck of Port Jervis, N. Y.

September 15, by Rev. Julius Foster, James L. Rockwell of Monroe and Miss Caroline Rockwell of Franklin.

September 18, John Vroman and Polly A. Miles, both of Granville.

October 9, by Justice A P. Biles, Samuel Wildrick and Miss Wealthy Fanning, all of Wyalusing.

October 12, by Justice Stuart Smiley, Orrin Taylor of Franklin and Miss Mary Howard of Wysox.

October 17, by Rev. D. Williams. Dr. David L Scott of Towanda and Miss Elizabeth Whitney of Wysox.

November 4, by Rev. Julius Foster, John Gilmour and Miss Mary Ann, daughter of William and Susan (Daugherty) Vandyke, both of Ulster.

November 20, by Justice Orator Holcomb, Dudley McCraney and Miss Dimice, daughter of Eli and Harriet (Bailey) Holcomb of LeRoy.

December 1, in LeRoy, by Justice Orator Holcomb, Levi Harris and Miss Esther Hoagland.

December 4, by Justice Orator Holcomb, Simeon Ellis and Miss Sally Smith, all of LeRoy.

December 4, in LeRoy, by Justice Orator Holcomb, Sidney Morse and Miss Lovina, daughter of Marlin and Electa (Bailey) Holcomb.

December 22, by Justice Luman Putnam, Luman D Taylor of Granville and Miss Matilda, daughter of Sterling and Betsey (Stone) Holcomb of LeRoy.

December 23, in Sheshequin, George Chaffee and Miss Rachel A., daughter of William and Esther (Cowell) Horton.

December 24, in Orwell, by Rev. Mr. Rogers, Asa A. Darrow and Miss Lydia N , daughter of Edward and Lydia Tripp.

December 24, by Rev. Jesse B. Saxton, Allen S. Parsons of Columbia and Miss Mandana Taylor of Towanda.

December 24, by Elder Lathrop, George S. Camp of Herrick and Maria Jennings of Wysox.

December 24, by Rev. Mr. Rogers, Edward Tripp of Orwell and Widow Coburn of Warren.

December 25, by Rev. John W. Davison, Harry S. Clark of Merryall and Miss Clarissa Tupper Lathrop of Springville, Pa

December 25, in Standing Stone, Judson Holcomb of Rome and Miss Maria Nobles of Cattaragus county, N. Y.

December 25, by Rev. Wm. Hunting, Hiram Sperry of Mauch Chunk, Pa , and Loretta Bush of Windham.

December 30, Charles Taylor and Harriet Brigham.

December 31, by Rev. Wm. Andrews, Joseph Johnson and Miss Harriet E. Lantz, both of Monroeton.

December 31, by Rev. Morgan Ruger, George C. Gore of Sheshequin and Miss Abigail, daughter of Isaac Bull of Wysox.

1846.

January 1, by Justice Luman Putnam, Abraham Mott and Miss Cynthia Bailey, all of Granville.

January 8, by Elder DeWitt, William H. Russell and Miss Pamelia Dunham, both of Windham.

January 12, by Rev. William Hunting, Josiah McMurtrie of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and Miss Rachel Bush of Windham.

January 15, by Rev. Mr. Low, R. K. Hawley of Towanda and Miss Mary Tallmadge of Warrenham.

January 15, Hiram Sample and Miss Dency Pitt, both of South Creek.

January 17, by Rev. S. F. Colt, John M. Gamble of Asylum and Miss Harriet Vaughn of Wyalusing.

January 19, Henry Wood and Miss Mary, daughter of Thomas Waters, both of Burlington

January 24, in Herrick, by Rev. S. F. Colt, Samuel Crawford and Miss Sarapata Camp.

February 3, by Justice Allen McKean, Theodore Pratt and Miss Erissa Parkhurst, both of Granville.

March 12, Joseph M. Smiley and Miss Clarissa, daughter of Jerome and Lydia (Bascom) Wright, both of Canton.

March 18, by Justice Samuel Davidson, Arnold Congdon of Litchfield and Miss Sophia E. Lathrop of Towanda.

March 26, John V. Huff of Milan and Miss Roxanna, daughter of John Watkins of Athens township.

March 31, in Wyalusing, Benjamin Stetler and Miss Permelia Gaylord.

May 3, Darwin T. Gillett and Miss Viana, daughter of Jeremiah Kilmer, both of Sheshequin.

May 5, by Rev. Morgan Ruger, Addison W. Taylor of Rome and Miss Mary H. Stevens of Herrick.

May 6, Daniel D. Tompkins and Miss Orilla, daughter of Joseph and Pamelia (Shipman) Hemenway, both of Sheshequin.

May 8, James Cleveland and Miss Eunice Dimmick, both of Orwell.

May 19, by Rev. Julius Foster, William Scott and Miss Anna, daughter of William B. and Delight Spalding, all of Towanda. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. Mr. Scott died February 11, 1911, aged nearly 91 years; Mrs. Scott is living (1912). For some time they were the oldest native born couple living in Towanda.

June 24, by Justice Stuart Smiley, Russell Crayton of Franklin and Miss Hannah Scofield of Hepburn, Pa.

June 25, in Ulster, by Rev. J. M. Brown, Ogden Rogers and Miss Harriet M. Smith.

July 4, by Justice Daniel Vandercook, William Rockwell and Hannah Bailey, both of Granville.

July 14, in Wyalusing, by Rev. S. F. Colt, Samuel Gregory and Mrs. Lucretia Jewett.

July 17, by Rev. S. F. Colt, H. Styer of Nanticoke and Miss Martha W. Lewis of Wyalusing.

August 8, by Justice Franklin Blackman, Dr. Wm. C. Ransom and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac S. and Hannah (Elliott) Horton, both of Sheshequin.

August 11, by Rev. S. H. Hazard, Eustice A. Coolbaugh and Miss Harriet M. York, both of Wysox.

August 19, by Rev. C. C. Corss, Albert Pierce and Miss Eunice W., daughter of J. E. Hale, both of Smithfield.

August 19, by Rev. C. C. Corss, Albert W. Martin and Miss Emerette, daughter of J. E. Hale, both of Smithfield.

August 20, by Rev. J. B. Saxton, Miles F. Ransom and Miss Adelaide D., daughter of Matthias and Susan (Minier) Lent, both of Ulster.

August 20, by Rev. C. C. Corss, Hollis M. Hale of Knoxville, Ill., and Miss Mary E., daughter of James Martin of Springfield.

August 23, by Justice Stuart Smiley, David R. Garrison of Owego, N. Y., and Miss Abigail Fairbanks of Franklin.

August 27, by Rev. S. F. Colt, William Griffis of Standing Stone and Miss Elizabeth Stone of Camptown.

September 1, in Danville, by Rev. Mr. Lightner, D. Strope of Wysox and Miss Mary Lamira McAlpin of Danville.

September 1, by Rev S. F. Colt, George H. Tupper of Rush and Miss Julia Ann Pettes of Ulster.

September 1, by Rev. S. H. Hazard, William Jenkins and Miss Harriet Eliza Strope, both of Wysox.

September 2, by Justice A. L. Cranmer, O. O. Kent and Miss Lerena Ingham, both of Monroe.

September 10, by Justice Allen McKean, Erastus Beach of Troy and Miss Elizabeth Griswold of LeRoy.

September 21, by Justice A. L Cranmer, Elijah Blake and Miss Lorinda Hitchcock, both of Franklin.

September 23, by Rev. Julius Foster, Hiram Fowler and Miss Catharine Fields, both of Monroe.

September 23, by Rev. Julius Foster, David Smiley of Franklin and Miss Phœbe Ann, daughter of Alpheus and Hannah (Kingsbury) Holcomb of LeRoy.

September 30, at St. James church, Philadelphia, by Rev. Dr. Morton, Charles Reed of Towanda and Miss Kate Morgan of Philadelphia.

September 30, by Rev. Julius Foster, J. Francisco and Miss Sarah Tuttle, both of Towanda.

October 1, by Rev. Mr. Williams, William Kingsley of Bridgewater, Pa., and Miss Anna Stevens of Standing Stone.

October 27, by Justice Stuart Smiley, Daniel Lucas and Miss Lucinda Foster, both of Ulster.

November 2, by Rev. D. S. Chase, Benjamin Coolbaugh and Miss Genette, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Swartwout) Salisbury, both of Monroe

November 24, by Rev. S. F. Colt, N. C. Tomkins and Miss Elizabeth Briggs, both of Towanda.

December 9, by Rev. Julius Foster, Marcus B. Gerould of Smithfield and Miss Mary E. Bingham of Towanda.

December 17, by Rev. Mr. Lane, E S. M. Hill of Providence, Pa., and Miss Mary E., daughter of Elisha Newbery of Troy.

December 22, by Mr. Hunting, Thomas W. Patterson of Abbington, Pa., and Miss Catharine C. Russell of Windham.

December 24, by Rev. Mr. Hunting, Thomas R. Butler of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and Miss Edna S. Bush of Windham.

December 27, Nathan F. Wilcox of Towanda and Miss Emily Bowman of Ulster.

December 31, by Justice David Hill, George S. Peck and Miss Celestia Maria, daughter of Col. Seth and Lydia (Hill) Salisbury, both of Smithfield.

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January 11, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Franklin Burdick and Hannah Benjamin.

January 12, by Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, William S. Pierce of Smithfield and Miss Sarah Herman of Ridgebury.

February 7, by Rev. Julius Foster, Eleazer T. Fox and Miss Lydia S. Homet, both of Towanda.

February 12, in Towanda, by Justice O. D. Goodenough, Obadiah Titus and Catherine Titus.

February 24, by Justice Franklin Blackman, David Newell and Miss Sally Ann, daughter of John Rundell, both of Sheshequin.

March 2, Benjamin Overfield of Meshoppen and Miss Lois Ann Camp of Camptown.

March 11, by Rev. J. L. Janes, N. G. Hunt of Smithfield and Miss Emeline E. Hunt of Guilford Center.

March 14, by Rev. Mr Layman, Dr William S. Rumsey of Painted Post, N. Y., and Miss Sarah J. Gazlay of Ulster.

March 17, Orpheus K. Bird and Miss Anna, daughter of James and Lois (Wood) Gerould, both of Smithfield.

March 31, Thomas Stone and Miss Adaline, daughter of Simeon Brink, both of Pike.

May 9, Ridgway S. Barnes and Miss Harriet Forbes, both of Rome.

May 23, Aaron Drake and Miss Alzina Forbes, both of Rome.

May 20, Joseph Haigh of Pike and Miss Harriet S., daughter of John and Lucy Browning of Orwell.

May 26, by Rev. Julius Foster, Hiram Sweet and Miss Mary Terwilliger, both of Monroe.

June 16, T. J. Weed and Miss Phebe, daughter of Liba and Eliza A. (Bird) Gerould, both of Smithfield.

June 24, in Harrisburg, by Rev. Dr. DeWitt, Col. Victor E. Piollet of Wysox and Miss Jane S., daughter of Hon. Jesse Miller.

July 18, by Rev. Mr. Chase, H. L. Shaw and Miss Abby B. Smith, both of Towanda.

September 6, by Rev. Julius Foster, Merritt Knapp of Lackawanna and Miss Avaline Fisher of Monroeton.

September 14, by Justice D. Vandercook, Nathan Olmsted and Miss Ruth E. Thompson, both of Ulster.

October 13, George W. Brown and Miss Betsy Morey, both of Orwell.

October 21, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, David Sloan and Margaret Kinney.

October 28, by Rev. Mr. Compton, John H. Weed of Towanda and Miss Lucretia M. Canfield of LeRaysville.

November 2, by Rev. F. Lane, Edward G. Gooding of Sheshequin and Miss Mahala A., daughter of James Kipp.

November 11, by Rev. Julius Foster, James Macfarlane of Perry county, Pa., and Miss Mary, daughter of Edward and Eliza (Clymer) Overton of Towanda.

November —, Col. John A. Codding of Pike and Miss Perciller L., daughter of Rev. James and Rebecca (Miller) Hodge of LeRaysville.

December 8, Lewis B. Gerould and Miss Marion Wright, both of Smithfield.

December 25, by Rev. A. J. Dana, William K. Caleb of Towanda and Miss Mary E. Montgomery of Binghamton.

December 29, in Albany, by Rev. George W. Stone, Joseph P. Lewis and Miss Mary M. Allen.

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January 3, Daniel G. Greenlief and Elmina P. Ward, both of Canton.

January 5, in Terry, by Justice Thomas Ingham, Jason Horton and Miss Roxy, daughter of John Covey.

January 25, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Ira Thetga and Harriet Westbrook.

January 26, John A. Ellsworth and Philena Brink, both of Troy.

February 2, by Elder Fox, Sevellon L. Fowler of Monroeton and Miss Mary DuBois of Tioga county, N. Y.

February 8, at Greenwood, by Rev. Julius Foster, Lanning Hart and Miss Elizabeth Forbes.

February 22, by Rev. D. S. Chase, Abram A. Mace and Miss Laura M. Fisher, both of Towanda township.

February 24, in Monroe, by Rev. Julius Foster, Dr. A. J. Cole and Miss Mary B. Adams of Tioga county, N. Y.

March 1, by Rev. E. E. Orvis, H. C. Kelly, Esq., of Towanda and Miss Cynthia Parsons of Columbia.

March 21, in Philadelphia, by Rev. Wm. F. Eyster, James P. Bull, formerly of Towanda and Miss Susan T., daughter of John S. Culp of Germantown.

March 22, Russell Miller and Miss Margaret, daughter of Moses A. and Susan (Lawrence) Ladd, both of Albany.

April 5, by Rev. S. F. Colt, Wilson Coburn of Spring Hill and Miss Nancy A. Lewis of Wyalusing.

May 11, by Rev. Mr. Wright, Maj. Jere Culp of Towanda and Miss Mary Spicer of Buffalo, N. Y.

May 17, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Stephen Bidlack and Miss Ethelinda, daughter of George Vibbert, both of Sheshequin.

June 1, by Rev. H. E. Whitney, Charles S. McKean of Columbia and Miss Hannah B. Budd of Jackson, Tioga Co.

July —, by Rev. James Hodge, Perry W. Champion of LeRaysville and Miss Chloe E., daughter of Jacob and Minerva (Tupper) Chubbuck of Orwell.

August 1, by Rev. L. B. Hyatt, LeRoy Tabor of Canton and Miss Helen Nash of Columbia.

August 19, by Rev. Mr. Miller, James F. Gazlay of Ulster and Miss Adeline E. Adams of Smithfield.

September 2, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, John J. Weaver and Eliza Conley.

September 19, by Justice A. L. Cranmer, Warren W. Goff and Miss Roxy White, all of Monroe.

September 20, by Rev. C. C. Corss, T. J. Bate of Knoxville, Ill., and Miss Sarah P. Pierce of Smithfield.

September 21, by Rev. Julius Foster, Addison C. Smith of Otsego county, N. Y., and Miss Wealthy Cornelia Lawrence of Monroe.

October 2, Uriah Terry and Miss Louise M. Malther, both of Terrytown.

October 4, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Ulysses P. Stone of Wyalusing and Miss Theresa, daughter of Charles F. Homet, Jr. of Asylum.

October 7, in Forest Lake, by Justice H. Allen, George L. Stone of Towanda and Miss Martha H. Warner of Bridgewater.

October 18, by Rev. Mr. Parvin, George H. Lenher of Lancaster, Pa., and Miss Marion L., daughter of Col. D. M. Bull of Towanda.

October 19, by Justice A. L. Cranmer, Hieronymous McClelland of Canton and Miss Eliza A. Santee of Monroe.

October 22, by Justice Asa Ennis, Simon L. Scott, formerly of Springville, Pa., and Miss Joanna Curtis of Asylum.

October 24, in Towanda, by Rev. Mr. Parvin, Dorsey Weston and Miss Jane W. Smith.

November 1, in Orwell, William W. Browning and Miss Amanda, daughter of Joel Johnson.

November 2, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, John M. Piatt and Hannah Mingos.

November 2, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Lewis Decker and Miss Betsy T. Williams, both of Springfield.

November 8, James W. Nichols and Miss Anna, daughter of Thomas Waters, both of Burlington.

November 17, in Sheshequin, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Hiram Russell and Miss Lucy L. Claflen.

November 17, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, James Hughes and Mary M. Lowry.

November 19, by Justice D. Vandercook, James Nelson and Miss Cynthia M., daughter of C. T. Day of Towanda.

November 28, by Rev. C. C. Corss, Charles B. Riggs and Miss Hannah Maria Tompkins, both of Smithfield.

November 29, in Litchfield, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Joseph Kinney and Miss Charlotte White, both of Litchfield.

December 21, by Rev. Lewis Rogers, Perry B. Pratt and Miss Betsy A. Phelps, both of Burlington.

December 29, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Martin D. Strope and Jennet Parke.

December 30, by Rev. R. J. Parvin, Loyd Rose and Maria Elliott, both of Ulster.

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January 18, by Rev. James Hodge, Isaac Marsh of Herrick and Miss Florantha H. Keeler of Herrick.

January 31, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Oscar Smith and Miss Elvira, daughter of Jabez and Amanda (Park) Fish of Sheshequin.

February 21, by Rev. S. F. Colt, Matthias H. Welles and Miss Mary Ann Ackley, all of Wyalusing.

February 22, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Abraham Gore and Eliza Jane, daughter of Josiah B. and Charlotte (Goodwin) Marshall, both of Sheshequin.

March 7, by Rev. Julius Foster, John Daugherty of Asylum and Mrs. Lydia Conklin of Monroe.

March 14, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Charles Day and Miss Abby C. Hawkins, both of Athens.

March 14, by Rev. Philip Bartlett, Francis C. Woodruff and Miss

Caroline P., daughter of James and Pamelia (Keeney) Chubbuck, all of Orwell.

March 18, by Elder Lake, Jesse Taylor of Towanda and Mrs. Elizabeth Chaapel of LeRoy.

March 21, by Rev. L. B. Hyatt, William Newberry and Miss Laura Berry, both of Troy.

March 28, by Rev. Julius Foster, Harrison Black of Wyalusing and Miss Henrietta Maria Gregory of Greenwood.

April 8, by Rev. Mr. Edgar, David Landon and Miss Catharine Maria, daughter of Maj. Jedediah Hunt of Canton.

April 11, by Rev. H. E. Whiting, Amherst Jackson of Troy and Miss Hannah Ayres of Columbia.

April 12, by Rev. H. E. Whiting, Bateman Monroe of Columbia and Miss Lois H. Maynard of Troy.

April 24, Asa B. Payson of Orwell and Miss Fannie A. Beardsley of Pike,

April 24, by Rev. Julius Foster, Peter Jacobus and Miss Susan Wenck, both of Monroe.

June 1, Charles O. Gates of Springfield and Miss Laura Ann, daughter of Dummer and Laura (Keyes) Smith of Columbia.

June 5, by Rev. S. F. Colt, Joseph Washington Ingham of Sugar Run and Miss Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. George Taylor of Wyalusing.

June 14, by Mr. Lake, George W. Brown of Spring Hill and Miss Cinderella Bailey of Athens.

June 28, by Rev. P. Bartlett, Otis J. Chubbuck of Orwell and Miss Eunice Hicks of Rome.

July 3, by Rev. R. J. Parvin, Stephen Felton and Miss Emily Bingham, both of Towanda.

July 17, by Rev. William Lathrop, Martin Angle and Miss Mary Angle, both of Herrick.

August 7, by Rev. S. F. Colt, Ira H. Smith of Towanda and Miss Malava Canfield of Wyalusing.

August 23, by Rev. Julius Foster, Morgan D. Strickland of Wysox and Lucinda Jane Watts of Towanda.

August 27, by Rev. Thomas Mitchell, Delavan Wentworth of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Lucy Ann Cobb of Columbia.

September 4, by Rev. S. F. Colt, Rev. Darwin Cook of Orwell and Miss Adelia, daughter of Justus Lewis of Wyalusing.

September 6, by Rev. S. F. Colt, William Mitten, late U. S. A., and Miss Margaret Morrow, both of Herrick.

September 20, by Rev. Mr. Bronson, William A. Rockwell of Towanda and Miss Mary Nichols of Rome.

October 10, by Justice Charles O. Spencer, David Horton of Sheshequin and Miss Arille, daughter of Josiah Newell of Troy.

October 11, by Rev. Joseph Towner, Daniel M. Bidlack and Miss Caroline, daughter of Cornelius Smith, both of Sheshequin.

October 15, by Rev Isaac Rogers, Henry H. Welles of Wyalusing and Miss Ellen S., daughter of Gen. Samuel G. Ladd of Farmington, Me.

November 21, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, William R. Storrs of Asylum and Miss Ellen, daughter of Simon and Harriet (Homet) Stevens of Standing Stone.

November 22, by Rev. Philip Bartlett, Carlos J. Chubbuck and Miss Mary M. Woodruff, all of Orwell.

December 6, by Justice A. L. Cranmer. Garrick Mallory Wolf and Miss Rebecca, daughter of William and Mary (Bowman) McGill, both of Towanda township.

December 24, James H. Nevins and Miss Almira E., daughter of Sidney S Bailey, both of Towanda.

December 24, by Rev. Mr. Brown, William Canoll of Towanda and Miss Lydia Bardwell of Monroe.

December 24, in Athens, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Isaac Green and Miss Nancy Elizabeth Barns.

December 25, David J. Blackman and Miss Esther, daughter of Joshua and Lucy (Thompson) Horton, both of Sheshequin.

December 27, by Justice Mial Slade, William P. Bush of Troy and Miss Melinda A. Howland of Columbia.

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January 2, Lawrence W. Kendall and Miss Jane A. Burns, both of Burlington.

January 7, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Otis P. Lyon and Miss Loretta E. Lawrence, both of Monroe.

January 17, in Athens, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Charles K. Martin and Miss Joanna Fritcher.

February 18, in Ulster, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Truman H. Holcomb and Miss Martha Jane McCarty.

February 20, Dr. John L. Corbin and Miss Mary A., daughter of Julius and Meribah Tozer of Athens.

March 3, in Rome, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, William W. Woodburn and Miss Caroline E. Case.

March 6, by Rev. Mr. Brown, Shelden S. Downing of Tioga county, Pa., and Mrs. Mary Seaman of Towanda.

March 17, Alfred Brace of Springfield and Miss Eliza, daughter of John and Mary Bird of Smithfield.

March 21, by Rev. Mr. Brown, John Trout of Towanda and Miss Harriet A. Snyder of Sheshequin.

April 9, by Justice Stuart Smiley, John Haynes of Franklin and Miss Elizabeth Gilbert of Towanda township.

April 14, John W. Payson of Orwell and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Elijah and Martha (Kennedy) Alger of Ellington, Conn.

April 17, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, F. S Elliott of Canton and Miss Elizabeth W. Davies of Athens.

April 20, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, James Sherwood of Columbia and Miss Eliza, daughter of Edmund and Sarah (Marshall) Hill of Sheshequin.

April 23, Charles Swartwood and Celinda Parkhurst.

April 23, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, William H. Bishop of Guilford, Conn., and Miss Sarah, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Norton) Griffin of Sheshequin.

April 24, by Rev. L. B. Hyatt, H. S. Phinney of Monroeton and Mrs. Mary Gerould of Covington, Tioga county, Pa.

April 29, by Rev. Julius Foster, Dr. S. Emerson Shattuck of Hornellsville, N. Y., and Miss Harriet Jane, daughter of John B. M. and Frances (Dudley) Hinman of Monroeton.

May 1, by Rev. Julius Foster, Henry C. Porter and Miss Eliza, daughter of Nathaniel N. and Eliza (Warner) Betts, all of Towanda.

May 8, by Justice J. B. Smith, O. E. Califf of Smithfield and Miss Althea Knickerbocker of Franklin.

May 14, in Towanda, by Rev. Mr. Williams, Warren K. Walker and Miss Theresa Post, both of Towanda.

May 14, by Rev. Julius Foster, John K. Bingham of Byron, Ogle county, Ill., and Miss Mary Ann Frear of Towanda.

May 15, by Rev. Philo E. Brown, Orville H. Platt of Washington, Conn., and Miss Ann, daughter of the late James P. Bull of Towanda.

May 23, by Rev. Julius Foster, Julius Brown of Wysox and Miss Margaret Griswold of Milltown.

June 11, by Rev. Dr. Paddock, Col. Hiram M. Myer of Towanda and Miss Mary Munsell of Binghamton, N. Y.

June 12, in Davisville, Bucks county, Pa., by Rev. Lewis P. Smith, Ulysses Mercur, Esq of Towanda and Miss Sarah S., daughter of Gen. John Davis of Davisville.

June 30, in Albany (Overton), by Justice James Heverly, Daniel

Mrs. Elizabeth Heverly.

Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Dunmore) Heverly, was born September 19, 1834, in Overton. She was married June 30, 1850, to Daniel Heverly, who was born October 25, 1828, in Overton. Both are living (1912), and have the unique distinction of having lived together longer as man and wife than any other couple ever residing in Overton, also being at this time, the oldest native born male and female of the town.

Heverly and Miss Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Dunmore) Heverly. Both living (1912).

July 3, by Rev. William C. Peck, James M. Peck and Miss Jane, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Smith) Brink, both of Sheshequin.

July 4, in Southport, N. Y., by Justice Hiram Roushy, William E. Sherman of Springfield and Miss Emma A. Parsons of Columbia.

July 4, by Rev. Thomas Thomas. Stewart M. Line of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and Miss Catherine C., daughter of Levi and Chloe (Chubbuck) Frisbie of Orwell.

July 11. in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Dimock D. Williams and Rebecca Wright.

August 15, by Rev. Joseph Towner, John Jason Vanness of Standing Stone and Miss Emily, daughter of John and Sarah (Wickizer) Horton of Rome.

August 31, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Jonathan D. Hill and Mrs. Nancy Cash, both of Burlington.

September 1, by Justice David Gardner, Stephen Corby and Miss Sarah Allen, both of Athens.

September 7, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Peter Walburn and Polly Smith.

September 10, by Rev. S. J. Gibson. Andrew J. Trout and Miss Eliza J. Moody, both of Towanda.

September 17, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, James J. Willett and Miss Electa C. Fox, both of Monroe.

September 18, by Rev. William H. King. Raymond M. Welles and Miss Amelia J., daughter of Thomas Page, both of Athens.

September —, by Justice David Gardner, Joseph D. Davidson and Miss L. Middaugh, both of Ridgebury.

October 3, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Solomon Minier of Elmira, N. Y., and Miss Henrietta Maria Olmsted of Athens.

October 10, in Monroeton, by Rev. Julius Foster, Nelson D. Warford and Miss Catharine, daughter of William and Mary (Strope) Hart

October 16, by Rev. S J. Gibson, Sidney B. Wells of Dundaff and Miss H. Elizabeth Cole of Sheshequin.

October 20, by Justice Stuart Smiley, David Shelp and Miss Jane Robinson, both of Towanda.

October 24, by Rev. C. Huntington, John Bowman of Towanda township and Miss Almira Custer of Durell.

October 31, by Justice T. M. Wilson, Myron Kellogg and Miss Lydia McMicken, both of Monroe.

November 4, in Harrisburg, by Rev. W. R. DeWitt, S. V. Shipman of Towanda and and Miss Cordelia, daughter of Elisha S. Goodrich.

November 5, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Samuel W. Lent of Rome and Miss Amanda Ann Slater of Sheshequin.

November 9, by Justice Stuart Smiley, John M. Smiley and Miss Lucinda Rockwell, both of Franklin.

December 25, in Towanda, by Justice J. D. Goodenough, Chaapel Light and Louisa Bennett.

December 31, by Rev. S. J. Gibson, Joseph F. Blackman and Miss Lucy Ann, daughter of William and Esther (Cowell) Horton, both of Sheshequin.

Additional Marriages, 1786—1850.

———, 1786, Jacob Bowman and Miss Mary, daughter of Rudolph and Elizabeth (Miller) Fox. This was undoubtedly the first marriage within the Towandas.

January 22, 1795, in Wyalusing, Jesse Ross and Miss Betsy, daughter of Isaac and Jemima Hancock.

———, 1799, John Spalding and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Amos Prentice, both of Athens

———, 1800, Hugh Holcomb and Miss Oakley, daughter of Miles Oakley. This was undoubtedly the first marriage within the present limits of LeRoy.

February 14, 1801, Jared Spalding of Athens and Miss Naomi Baldwin of Newtown, Conn.

———, 1801, Sterling Holcomb of LeRoy and Miss Betsey, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Wilcox) Stone of Franklin.

February 19, 1802, Daniel Miller and Miss Hannah, daughter of Gordon and Mary (Chapman) Fowler, both of Monroe.

February 10, 1803, George S. Camp of Wyalusing and Miss Mary, daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia (Pratt) Lacey.

———, 1803, Hugh Holcomb of LeRoy and Miss Prudence, daughter of Oliver and Hannah (Scoville) Bailey of Granville. This was the first marriage within the present limits of Granville township.

February 12, 1804, Dutee Rice and Miss Susanna, daughter of Jabez and Demaris (Bennett) Gerould of Smithfield.

October 10, 1804, in Wysox, Burr Ridgway and Mrs. Alice (Coolbaugh) Moger.

January 1, 1805, David Bailey and Miss Lucy, daughter of Ezra and Hannah (Eaton) Spalding both of Canton.

October 26, 1806, Howard Spalding of Athens and Miss Lucy, daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia (Stevens) Allen of Troy.

November 11, 1806, in Smithfield, Solomon Morse and Miss Fanny, daughter of Michael and Betsy (Lewis) Bird.

January 8, 1809, Abiram Pierce and Miss Sarah, daughter of James Satterlee, both of Smithfield.

July 23, 1809, Horace Spalding of Canton and Miss Harriet, daughter of Isaac and Tamasin (Wilcox) Chaapel of LeRoy.

February 1, 1810, Nathan Payson of Orwell and Miss Betsy, daughter of Caleb and Alice (Sagner) Sharp of Connecticut.

June 3, 1810, Benjamin Stalford and Mrs. Urania (Turrell) Peck, both of Wyalusing.

November 25, 1810, Francis Tyler and Miss Anna, daughter of Daniel McDuffee, both of Athens.

October 10, 1811, in Milltown, Chester Stephens of Athens and Miss Lucinda Grant of Stonington, Conn

March 20, 1812, Lebbeus Smith of Pike and Miss Betsy Gregory of Connecticut.

March —, 1812, Chauncey Frisbie of Orwell and Miss Chloe Howard.

December 13, 1813, George Gerould and Bathsheba Beels, both of Smithfield.

March 2, 1814, Jared Woodruff and Miss Sophronia, daughter of Timothy and Lois (Wilcox) Alden, both of Monroe.

May 12, 1814, in Smithfield, John Bird and Mrs. Mary (Harkness) Sumner.

May 22, 1814. Joel Cook and Miss Polly, daughter of Dan and Polly (Chubbuck) Russell, both of Orwell.

June 6, 1814, Rowland Wilcox of Albany and Miss Elizabeth VanEtten of Spencer, N. Y.

August —, 1814, Adrial Simons, Jr. of Ulster and Miss Patty Merritt of Tioga county, N. Y.

February 16, 1815, Aden Stevens of Pike and Rebecca Purda Somers.

October —, 1815, Abel Eastabrooks and Miss Catherine, daughter of Levi and Phebe (Gaylord) Frisbie of Orwell.

January 19, 1816, William Briggs of Athens and Miss Maria, daughter of William W. and Rebecca (Spalding) Spalding of Sheshequin.

April 11, 1816, Hiram Drake and Miss Phebe, daughter of Russell and Rachel (Pierce) Gibbs, both of (Watertown) Rome.

May 20, 1816, William B. Spalding of Sheshequin and Miss Delight, daughter of Ezra and Hannah (Eaton) Spalding of Canton.

As She Looked at 100 Years.

Eliza Ann Merry McKean.

The foregoing picture of Eliza Ann, daughter of Truman and Olive (Underwood) Merry, was taken on her 100th birthday. She was born November 14, 1807, at Litchfield, Herkimer county, N. Y.; came to Bradford county with her parents in 1822; was married June 7, 1832, to Col. Allen McKean of Burlington; spent the last 61 years of her life in Towanda, where she died July 18, 1909, aged 101 years, 8 months and 4 days.

January 8, 1817, in Pike, Catlin Pierce and Miss Eunice, daughter of Andrew and Eunice (Fairchild) Canfield.

November 16, 1817, Ziba Gerould and Miss Eliza A., daughter of Michael and Betsy (Lewis) Bird; both of Smithfield.

November 23, 1817, Simeon Rockwell and Miss Catherine, daughter of Henry and Catherine Lent, both of Rome.

February 17, 1818, in Pike, Wilson Canfield and Miss Julia, daughter of Gould and Martha Seymour.

January 25, 1819, Hosea Billings and Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Russell and Rachel (Pierce) Gibbs, both of (Watertown) Rome.

March 11, 1819, Richard Struble and Miss Huldah, daughter of Russell and Rachel (Pierce) Gibbs, both of (Watertown) Rome.

March 25, 1819, Dyer Ormsby and Miss Charlotte, daughter of Freeman and Clarinda (Southworth) Wilcox, both of Albany.

September 19, 1819, Morris Spalding of Towanda and Miss Clarissa, daughter of Isaac and Sally (Gore) Cash of Ulster.

———, 1819, Christian Heverly of Asylum (Overton) and Miss Hannah, daughter of John and Mary (Ward) Warren of Forks, Lycoming county.

April 1, 1820, Andrew Dewing of Warren and Miss Elizabeth Fahnstock of Harrisburg.

June 1, 1820, Joel Johnson of Orwell and Miss Sophronia Benham of Pike.

October 12, 1820, Timothy Brigham and Abigail Mason.

September 6, 1821, Levi Taylor of Granville and Miss Louisa, daughter of Sterling and Betsey (Stone) Holcomb of LeRoy.

September 26, 1821, Hezekiah M. Peck and Miss Ruth, daughter of Benjamin Hale, both of Smithfield.

———, 1821, Daniel Heverly of Asylum (Overton) and Miss Magdalene, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Allen) Wilt of Allentown, Pa.

November 20, 1822, in Athens by Rev. James Williamson, William H. Overton of Ulster and Miss Eliza Saltmarsh of Athens.

November 27, 1822, by Justice David Soper, James DeWitt and Clarissa Holcomb, all of Burlington.

March 12, 1823, Seth Doane of Windham and Miss Lydia, daughter of the late Silas and Lavina (Abbott) Bardwell of Wysox.

October 21, 1823, Moses A. Ladd of Albany and Miss Susanna Lawrence of Cherry, Pa.

November 20, 1823, Michael Bird of Smithfield and Mrs. Amy Knapp of Elmira, N. Y.

August 8, 1824, Jesse Ross of Pike and Mrs. Charlotte Paine of Brooklyn, Susquehanna county.

December 25, 1824, Cyrus M. Johnson and Miss Harriet B., daughter of William W. and Rebecca (Spalding) Spalding of Sheshequin.

September 8, 1825, Hosea Kennedy of Springfield and Miss Martha Wolf of Columbia.

January 26, 1826, Dr. Daniel Andrus and Miss Laura, daughter of Michael and Betsey (Lewis) Bird. both of Smithfield.

December 21, 1826, John A. Spalding of Sheshequin and Miss Amanda Tracy.

January 11, 1827, William Myer of Wysox and Mrs. Lemira (Satterlee) Spalding of Towanda.

July 9, 1829, Dr. William Kiff of Athens and Miss Jane Walker.

October 4, 1829, Harry L. Bird and Miss Eliza, daughter of James Martin, both of Smithfield.

September 23, 1830, Samuel Lyon of Warren and Miss Asenath P., daughter of Howard Slade of Sladersville, R. I.

March 23, 1831, Wells Wilcox of Albany and Miss Harriet H. Fairchild of Dushore, Pa.

September 1, 1831, by Rev. Jonas Dodge, John E. Geiger of Towanda and Miss Sarah Ann, daughter of John Shockey of Elmira, N. Y.

October 18, 1831, Eber Swain of Burlington and Susan Murphy.

October 20, 1831, Andrew M. Swain of Burlington and Miss Mary Ann Brigham.

January 12, 1832, Hiram Mason and Miss Jane, daughter of Peter and Diadana Furman, both of Columbia.

March 2, 1832. Castle H. Herrick of Athens and Miss Rachel M., daughter of Samuel Herrick of Zanesville, Ohio.

May 31, 1832, John Salisbury and Miss Hannah Grace, both of Springfield.

June 7, 1832, in Troy, by Judge John McKean, Col. Allen McKean of Burlington and Miss Eliza Ann, daughter of Truman and Olive (Underwood) Merry.

September 20, 1832, Williams Lee of Albany and Miss Sally Brewster of Wysox.

Jannary 6, 1833, Myron S. Warner of Wysox and Miss Harriet, daughter of Ebenezer Smith.

December 5, 1833, Henry W. Tracy of Standing Stone and Miss Emma, daughter of Elisha and Sarah (Myer) Reed.

March 2, 1835, George Sumner of Wyalusing and Miss Lydia, daughter of John and Mary (Place) Bunnell of Tunkhannock, Pa.

May —, 1835, Amos Franklin and Miss Cynthia, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Hynman) McKinney, both of Athens.

December 18, 1835, Alonzo Holcomb of LeRoy and Miss Lemira, daughter of Perley and Lucy Morse.

August 17, 1837, Ulysses Moody of Asylum and Miss Mary A., daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Franklin) Terry of Terrytown.

December 20, 1837, Rev. Alpha Warren and Miss Harriet, daughter of John Spalding of Athens.

December 21, 1837, Zebulon B. Spalding of Sheshequin and Miss Keziah B. Ovenshire of Athens.

January 24, 1838, Joseph Edmiston and Mrs. Sarah (Minier) Brooks, both of Ulster.

February 13, 1838, Richard Hews and Miss Jane, daughter of William P. and Eleanor (Watts) Spalding of Canton.

May 7, 1838, Christopher E. Pierce and Miss Emeline Pierce, both of Smithfield.

August 23, 1838, Stephen Pierce of Smithfield and Miss Mary Ransom.

August 31, 1838, William Spalding of Athens and Alma Hall Wright of Smithfield.

September 5, 1838, Edwin C. Oliver of Troy and Miss Eliza M., daughter of Jabez H. and Rebecca (Wood) Beers of Elmira, N. Y.

September 12, 1838, John Spalding and Miss Mary, daughter of Abiram and Sarah (Satterlee) Pierce of Smithfield.

October 18, 1838, Alex. Hanson Spalding and Clara F. Ovenshire, both of Athens.

February 21, 1839, Cyrus Holcomb of LeRoy and Lydia Himes of Troy.

September —, 1839, Seely Holcomb and Julia Ann Wooster, both of LeRoy.

November 7, 1839, Daniel Drummond and Miss Dolly M., daughter of Shepard and Sarah (Coolbaugh) Pierce of Wysox.

March 19, 1840, Francis A. Tyler of Athens and Miss Cynthia S., daughter of Col. Robert and Aurelia (Satterlee) Spalding of Wysox.

April 26, 1840, Charles McDuffee of Athens and Miss Emily, daughter of Asa and Elizabeth French.

November 3, 1840, Francis S. Rice and Miss Sarah, daughter of William B. and Delight (Spalding) Spalding of Franklin.

December 28, 1840, Johnson Rodgers and Miss Betsey J., daughter of Samuel and Betsey Ball, both of Litchfield.

January 25, 1841, U. Marvin Warner and Miss Wealthy Ann, daughter of Harry S. and Lemira (Satterlee) Spalding of Towanda.

July 1, 1841, in Monroe, by Rev. Julius Foster, Jonas T. Smith and Miss Phidelia S., daughter of Jared and Sophronia (Alden) Woodruff.

September 27, 1841, Chauncey N. Shipman and Miss Nancy Louise Goodrich, both of Athens.

October 24, 1841, Horace F. Spalding of Troy and Miss Harriet Julia Huntington.

December 5, 1841, Elijah Cicero Spencer and Miss Mary Jane, daughter of John and Polly (Lent) Bull, both of Wysox.

December 22, 1841, Zeriah Cross and Miss Amanda, daughter of Noah and Huldah (Kellogg) Spalding of Towanda.

February 15, 1842, William F. Ross and Miss Clarissa, daughter of Thomas and Betsey (Law) Smith, both of Burlington.

February 27, 1842, by Justice L. S. Maynard, Lewis Goff and Miss Charlotte M. Taylor, all of Rome.

May —, 1842, Jacob A. Linderman and Miss Olive M., daughter of David and Rachel (Hayden) Williams, both of Troy.

October 20, 1842, Chester P. Spalding of Wysox and Miss Mary Smith.

January 5, 1843, Reuben Kinebold and Miss Catharine, daughter of Daniel and Magdalene (Wilt) Heverly, both of Albany (Overton).

June 1, 1843, Amos Pierce of Smithfield and Miss Laura A., daughter of Col. I. N. Pomeroy of Troy.

August 31, 1843, John M. Wattles and Miss Amanda, daughter of Shepard and Sarah (Coolbaugh) Pierce, both of Wysox.

September 27, 1843, Chester A. Pierce of Wysox and Miss Harriet Sophia, daughter of John and Nancy (Smith) Lilley of Columbia.

April 1, 1844, D. Smith May and Miss Garafilia, daughter of Joel and Esther (Avery) Packard, both of Granville.

April 10, 1844, William A. Pierce of Wysox and Miss Anna M. Nagle.

June 27, 1844, Charles H. Ballard and Miss Lucy Jane, daughter of Charles and Marinda (Canfield) Taylor, both of Columbia. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Ballard, born October 4, 1823, died January 27, 1911, upon the farm where she had always lived. Mr. Ballard is living (1912).

December 1, 1844, John Vought of Standing Stone and Miss Esther J., daughter of William and Esther (Cowell) Horton of Sheshequin.

January 1, 1845, Isaac A. Parks of Orwell and Miss Melissa A., daughter of Levi and Eunice (Cogswell) Mericle.

February 21, 1845, Peter Wolfe of Sheshequin and Miss Marshie, daughter of Roswell and Polly (Webster) Russell.

February 26, 1845, Benjamin Park and Miss Mary, daughter of John O. and Mary Shackelton, both of Litchfield.

April 1, 1845, Horace Pomeroy of Troy and Miss Emma, daughter of Abram and Sarah (Satterlee) Pierce of Smithfield.

August 21, 1845, Lyman S. Chubbuck of Orwell and Miss Phœbe, daughter of Daniel and Deborah (Richardson) Gleason of Connecticut.

September 4, 1845, William A. Thomas of Troy and Miss Nancy Jane, daughter of John and Nancy (Smith) Lilley of Columbia.

September 10, 1845, William E. Voorhis and Miss Nancy M., daughter of Asher Huntington, both of Springfield.

October 23, 1845, Henry L. Phelps of Herrick and Miss Sarah E., daughter of Ira and Betsy (Pierce) Brister.

November 12, 1845, Lewis T. Lent of Wysox and Miss Caroline, daughter of Arunah and Elizabeth (Allen) Wattles of Rome.

August 18, 1846, Nelson Overton of Wyalusing and Miss Emeline, daughter of Joseph Baker.

September 21, 1846, William B. Parks of Rome and Miss Kansas C., daughter of James Smith of Windham.

December 13, 1846, George Wickizer and Miss Emily Permelia, daughter of John D. Wage, both of Orwell.

February 20, 1847, Miles Prince and Miss Charlotte, daughter of Manson and Almira (Mackey) Elsbree, both of Warren.

May 11, 1847, William V. Stevens and Miss Julia A., daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mason) Griggs, both of Monroe.

June 13, 1847, Israel Phillips of Smithfield and Miss Helen, daughter of James G. Harkness of Springfield.

June 22, 1847, John Moore and Miss Elizabeth Lemira, daughter of Noah and Huldah (Kellogg) Spalding of Towanda.

November 10, 1847, Morris J. Coolbaugh and Miss Lemira, daughter of Col. Robert and Aurelia (Satterlee) Spalding, both of Wysox.

December 29, 1847, Noble Willis Pierce and Mrs. Jane A. (Goodall) Weed, both of Pike.

August 17, 1848, Israel A. Pierce of Troy and Miss Harriet G. daughter of Charles and Anne (Parmeter) Burgess of Springfield.

September —, 1848, Robert M. Knapp and Miss Adelaide, daughter of Earl and Ursula (Clark) Nichols, both of Burlington.

February 28, 1849, William Tracy of Smithfield and Miss Harriet,

M., daughter of Albert and Cynthia (Sargent) Leonard of Springfield.

March 4, 1849, Harry Parks of Rome and Miss Henrietta A., daughter of Silas and Margaret (Lent) Allis.

July 3, 1849, Washington Towner and Miss Esther M., daughter of Harry L. and Electa (Allis) Parks, both of Rome.

July 12, 1849, Edward W. Vaughan and Miss Almira, daughter of Samuel Cox, both of Wyalusing.

October 4, 1849, William Relyea of Wells and Miss Jane, daughter of John and Jerusha Ann McMullen of Rutland, Pa.

October 11, 1849, Samuel A. Rockwell of Granville and Miss Hannah, daughter of Eli and Harriet (Bailey) Holcomb of LeRoy.

November 6, 1850, Evan Lewis of Ulster and Miss Amanda, daughter of John and Nancy (Shaver) Mingos.

November 21, 1850, Raymond Pepper of Towanda and Miss Emily E., daugnter of David and Lucy (Case) Landon of Canton.

Bradford County Families 1770—1800.

Children and Marriages.

RUDOLPH FOX, a Palatinate German, born March 29 (o. s.) 1739, came down the Susquehanna river with his family from the Mohawk Valley in May, 1770, and stopped at Towanda. He purchased land of the Indians, erected a log cabin on the west side of Towanda Creek, about a half mile above its mouth, and became the first permanent white settler in Bradford county. Here in a vast wilderness, surrounded by savage men and ferocious wild beasts, the life of Mr. Fox and his family was one of greatest danger, privations and hardships. Frequently, for weeks, their only subsistance was berries and roots, or the milk and flesh of the flock. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, Mr. Fox joined and was made an ensign in the Ninth or Up-River Company of the 24th Connecticut Militia. Although this organization was never called together for active service, Mr. Fox was loyal to the American cause and gave assistance. In March, 1777, while in search of his cattle he was seized by a party of Indians and taken to Quebec, where he was held nine months, during all of which time his family were ignorant of his fate. He was again captured in May, 1778, but soon made his escape, then taking his family removed to Sunbury, a place of safety. In 1783 Mr. Fox returned and re-established his home at Towanda. His life was brought suddenly to a close March 4, 1806. While fishing on the river a short distance above the mouth of the creek, the ice being thin, gave way, and he was drowned. Mr. Fox was a man of heroic mould, having all the elements that combine in courage and physique to make a man equal to the test in a wild country. He was short and thick-set, a regular German, both in figure and language. He, however, acquired the English vernacular, but spoke it very brokenly. In religion he was a Methodist, as were all the family save Deacon John.

Rudolph Fox married, 1763, Catharine Elizabeth Miller, also German. She was born May 4 (o. s.) 1748, and is described as "a large fleshy lady, weighing over 200 pounds, possessed of a kind and noble heart." In sickness she was ever ready to assist the afflicted, and at the instance of her death (April 3, 1810), she was on her way to care for the sick. Mr. and Mrs. Fox were the parents of fifteen children, ten daughters and five sons: *Catharine*, born November 9, 1764, married Henry Strope of Wysox; *Mary*, born September 7, 1766, married Jacob Bowman of Towanda, died May 23, 1841; *Philip*, born September 12, 1768, lived in Ohio some years, but returned and died in Towanda; *Elizabeth*, born September 1, 1770, being the first white child born in Bradford county, married William Means of Towanda, died July 21, 1851; *Dorothy* born August 1, 1772, married Mr. Townsend of near Penn Yan, N. Y.; *Daniel*, born August 27, 1774, married Abigail ———, and settled in Ohio; *Rudolph*, born September 24, 1776, located in Ohio and died at Cincinnati; *John*, born October 31, 1778, married Mary Fowler of Monroe, occupied the homestead, died April 15, 1855—children, Olive, Miller, Mary, John Marvin, Priscilla Brunette, Hiram Chapman; *Anna*, born October 24, 1780; *Eleanor*, born October 24, 1782, married John Strope of Wysox; *Susanna*, born February 15, 1785, married Nathan Farr and removed West; *Abraham*, born March 30, 1787, married Nancy Fowler and settled in Monroe township; *Margaret*, born February 12, 1789, married Amos Goff and moved to Ohio with her brothers; *Delia*, born April 4, 1791, married William Goff of Monroe, died June 25, 1865; *Christiana*, born 1793, married Mr. Grant of Penn Yan, N. Y. In 1790, the Fox family was the largest in Bradford county.

The ***Van Valkenburgs*** and ***Stropes***, the second permanent settlers in Bradford county, were of Holland descent. In 1773 they emigrated from Catskill on the Hudson, and located first at Indian Meadows in Wyalusing, where they remained until early in 1776, when, having purchased a right in the Susquehanna Company, came to Wysox and located on the west side of Wysox creek near its mouth. These settlers consisted of Isaac VanValkenburg, his wife (Jennette Clement), brother, Herman VanValkenburg (a bachelor), three daughters, Eva (unmarried), Mrs. Sebastian Strope and Mrs. John Strope, their husbands and children. Here in the wilderness these hardy Dutch lived, struggled and prospered until 1778, when on the 20th of May, they were surprised by a band of Indians, who, after burning their house and driving off their cattle, carried all into captivity, with the exception of Sebastian Strope, who had started for Wyom-

ing. While the destruction of their articles were going on, old Mr. VanValkenburg had taken possession of his Bible, a large, heavily bound book, and holding to it with great care, an Indian snatched it from his arms and flung it into the fire. The old man at once sprung forward and pulled it from the flames, carried it with him through all his journeyings, and it is now preserved, bearing the marks of the fire, as an heir-loom in the family. The men were separated and sent to various parts of Canada. The women and children were kept for some time about Tioga Point, Niagara and Montreal. After nearly three years, arrangements were made for their exchange, which was effected near White Hall, N. Y. Here they were met by Sebastian Strope and the whole family, except John Strope, who was not included in the cartel, were re-united and returned to their old home on the Hudson. In 1784, Sebastian Strope and his son returned to Wysox, rebuilt their house, planted corn and potatoes, and in the Fall the rest of the family gathered on the old spot to begin life anew. Here Mr. and Mrs. Isaac VanValkenburg died a few years after their return. Herman VanValkenburg is believed to have died in Wysox before the captivity of the family.

Sebastian Strope, who had married Lydia VanValkenburg, joined the patriot army in defense of the common interest, was engaged at the battle of Wyoming and escaped from the fearful massacre by hiding in a patch of thistles, which had grown up in an old stack-yard. He was a fearful and silent spectator of the butchery of Lieutenant Shoemaker by the Tory Windecker, after he had promised his unfortunate victim quarter. Mr. Strope died in Wysox, June 4, 1805, aged 70 years. His neighbors bore testimony to his worth and integrity as a man and citizen. Mrs. Strope was killed by a fall from a wagon about 1814. The children of Sebastian and Lydia Strope were : *Henry,* married Catherine, daughter of Rudolph Fox—children, Lydia (Mrs. George Scott), Catharine (Mrs. Robert Hewitt), Jane (Mrs. Jared Leavenworth), Dollie (Mrs. Ebenezer Stevens), Mary A. (Mrs. William Hart), Henry (married Fanny Keeler)—he died in Ohio and his wife, Catharine, in Wysox; *John,* in 1801, married Eleanor, daughter of Rudolph Fox, and removed to Ohio; *Isaac,* married Lucy White—children, Deborah, Isaac, John and Miner—having lost his wife, he sold his farm in Wysox and died in 1861 at an advanced age with his son, Miner, in Wisconsin; *Mary,* married Henry Tuttle of Wysox; *Jane,* married first Jeremiah White, and second Mr. Whittaker of Owego, N. Y.; *Elizabeth,* married first Mr. Vanhorn, second William F. Dininger, and removed West; *Hannah* was drowned with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Isaac Strope, while going down the river in a canoe.

John Strope, who married a daughter of Isaac VanValkenburg and whose wife and children had been taken with him in captivity, at the close of the war was released, when he returned to Wysox. He was known as "Big John" Strope, a man of large frame and indomitable will, and suffered the persecutions of his tormentors like a martyr. When he returned, his person showed scars and callosities made by the tortures he had endured. In 1790 Mr Strope's family consisted of himself, wife, one son and three daughters. The son, *Isaac*, married Abigail ——, settled in Rome township and had children: Henry, William, Alfred, Isaac, Samuel, Elisha, Rachel (Mrs. Nathaniel Bennett), Deborah (Mrs. Michael Russell), Polly (Mrs. Enos Bennett), Margaret (Mrs. John Parks) and Milly (Mrs. Godfrey Eiklor). Of Isaac's three sisters, we have no further record.

Henry Birney, a native of Ireland, first located at Plymouth and about 1775 removed to Standing Stone, settling on the Asa Stevens farm. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, he moved his family back to Plymouth, and himself entered the Continental army, in which he served most of the time until the close of the war, when, in 1791, he came back with his family to Standing Stone. Here he remained until 1812, when he sold his farm to Judge Stevens and removed to Scioto, Ohio, where he died at an advanced age. Rachel, wife of Henry Birney, died July 22, 1805, in Standing Stone, aged 57 years. In announcing her death, the Luzerne Federalist says: "She lived on the river 33 years, and suffered many losses and hardships with her family during the long and bloody wars by the inhuman savages." She was buried in the old cemetery on the Clagget farm. The children of Henry and Rachel Birney were: *John*, lived at Wyalusing; *Sarah*, married Capt. Peter Loop and spent her last days near Painted Post, N. Y.; *Rebecca*, married Peter Matthews and removed to Belvidere, Ill ; *Eleanor*, married Mr. Myer and removed to Ohio; *Hannah*, married Judge Miller and also went West; *Mary*, married John Gordon, was the mother of a large family and died in Standing Stone.

Richard Fitzgerald and ***William Huyck*** were the first to make Standing Stone their permanent home. The former had been a resident of Schodac, Albany county, N. Y. While living there he had been drafted for the old French war, and for a year was on garrison duty at the British fort atOswego. William Huyck was of German parentage. His mother died when he was an infant, and her sister, Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, reared and educated him in both English and German. Mr. Huyck came to Standing Stone with his uncle, and of their advent into the county and what followed, he says: "In the year

1776, our family immigrated from the county of Albany, in the state of New York, and went on as far as Springfield, at the head of Lake Otsego. There we waited until the lake was clear of ice. We stayed there about three weeks. My Uncle Fitzgerald bought a large batteau, and we moved on down the river with considerable difficulty. There were many obstructions in the way until we got to Unadilly, and we proceeded on to Standing Stone." Here they were successfully engaged in farming until the early part of December, 1777, when a party of "about 20 of those refugees came to his uncle's house, having the Indian, Hopkins, and his lieutenant, Parshall Terry, with them, plundered the house of an abundance; putting it into a boat of our own, proceeded up the river with their booty, driving off four cows, young cattle, 18 sheep and three good horses. Two other families above us shared the same fate, and Mr. Fitch, a neighbor, was not only plundered, but himself captured and never returned." To this, Elisha Harding adds that the party took Mr. Fitzgerald as far as Wysox, where they bound him to a flax-brake and declared they would break every bone in his body unless he would hurrah for King George. The honest old Dutchman replied: "I am an old man and can not live long at any rate. I had rather die now, a friend to my country, than live longer and die a Tory." They released him. The Whig families had intended to go down to Wyoming with the troops, but they moved so rapidly that opportunity was not afforded. Soon after the departure of the expedition (Colonel Dorrance's), Mr. Fitzgerald gathered what effects the enemy had left him, and with his family started in a canoe down the river. Their progress was slow, on account of the thickly floating ice and tedious on account of the cold. When they reached Black Walnut they found the river frozen over and they could proceed no further. Taking one of the deserted houses, there they remained until Spring, when in the month of March, with other Whigs living in the neighborhood, they retired to Wyoming. Two fat hogs, which the plunderers did not discover, and the corn they could not take away afforded the family subsistence. They remained at Wyoming until the battle, in which Mr. Huyck served in the ranks and escaped, while old Mr. Fitzgerald remained in the fort. Immediately after the battle they pressed out of the fort with other fugitives. Stopping a day or two at Northumberland, they made their way to Paxton, where they remained until October following, when "we returned to Wyoming, which place we now kept possession of by garrison. I was young, but as we were compelled to live in a state of perpetual defense I entered the military service, in which I continued until I joined the army under General Sullivan." In this expedition, Mr. Fitzgerald was one of

the guides. Returning with the expedition, they remained at Wyoming until peace, when the family returned to their old plantation at Standing Stone. Here Mr. Fitzgerald died in the early part of 1789. His wife, Nellie, survived him several years. They had no children. Mr. Huyck inherited and occupied his uncle's farm.

William Huyck, after the Sullivan expedition, served two enlistments under Capt. John Franklin, one as a drummer. In his closing years he was given a pension. He died in February, 1849, in Standing Stone, aged 86 years. After the war he married Margaret, sister of Leonard Westbrook. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Ellen* ("Nellie") to David Vought; *Jennie*, to Benjamin Brown; *Dena*, to David Eiklor; *Anna*, to Nathaniel Moger; *Abram*, to Asenath Schoonover; *Richard* ("Derrick"), to Sarah Stevens; *Isaac*, to Cynthia Lyon; *John* died unmarried.

Amos York, son of William and Hannah (Palmer) York, was born October 13, 1730, at Stonington, Conn. He married, 1752, Lucretia, daughter of Manassah and Keziah (Geer) Miner of Voluntown, Conn. In 1773 he removed with his family to Wyoming, thence to Wyalusing about 1774. Here he had carried on his improvements with much success. He had erected a good log house, a log barn and had a considerable stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and had raised sufficient quantities of grain for their support. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, he was known as an active and ardent Whig, which arrayed against him the enmity of his Tory neighbors. Apprehending trouble from the Indians, in the Fall of 1777 he went to Wyoming to seek the advice of friends and make arrangements for the removal of his family. At Wyoming it was thought that there would be no danger from the savages in the winter, and if in the Spring they continued to favor the interest of the British there would be be ample time to seek the protection of the lower settlements. The capture of some of his neighbors occasioned new alarm, but there seemed to be no alternative but run the risk of being undisturbed until Spring.

On February 12 and 13, 1778, there occurred a severe snow storm. Each evening a negro from the old Indian town came to Mr. York's on a trifling excuse, and remained until late in the evening. On the 14th the storm ceased and Mr. York determined to find out the reason for the negro's strange conduct. Immediately after breakfast he set out on horseback on an errand to Mr. Pauling's. Without suspicion, he entered the house of this supposed friend and received a cordial welcome. But it was the malicious welcome of a treacherous enemy. Be-

tween 40 and 50 Indians, led on by Parshall Terry, Jr. and Tom Green, Tories, who had arrived in the settlement and were waiting there during the storm. The moment they saw Mr. York, they gave the war whoop, and his white neighbor told him that he was their prisoner.

Terry and Green, accompanied by twelve of the savages, repaired with Mr. York to his house for plunder. Mrs. York, with the devotion of a wife and mother, made a most touching plea with Terry and Green for the safety of her husband and the protection of her family. "Then," says a daughter of Mr. York, "they drove the cattle into the road, stripped the house of everything of value they could carry away, broke open the chests, tied up the plunder in sheets and blankets, and put the bundles on the backs of the men. Father had to take a pack of his own goods. When they got prepared to start, my father asked permission to speak to his wife he took her by the hand but did not speak. When the company started, my father was compelled to walk, carry a bundle and assist in driving his cattle, while his favorite riding mare carried Terry." The journey was one of indescribable suffering from exposure to the cold as well as from grief of mind. Mr. York was taken to Canada, subsequently exchanged and returned to his old home in Connecticut, where hearing of the disasterous battle of Wyoming, and learning nothing of his family, he fell sick of fever and died (October 30, 1778), eleven days before his family reached him.

The helpless family—a mother and eight children, her son nine years of age and her youngest child only eight months old, were thus left in the depth of winter, without protection and with but little clothing, bedding and provisions. They remained here three weeks, when Captain Buck arrived and escorted them to Wyoming. Mrs. York was a witness of the horrible battle, in which her son-in-law, Capt. Aholiab Buck, was killed, leaving her widowed daughter with an infant four months old. As soon as it was safe to do so, she set out with her son, eight daughters and orphan grand-child for her home in Connecticut. On the way, her youngest child died, and Mrs. York was compelled to bury it with her own hands. In narrating their flight to Connecticut, a daughter, Sarah, says: "When we were at the North river, where General Washington lay, an officer informed him there was a woman in distress. Washington ordered her to be brought to his tent. She told him her story, and Washington gave her fifty dollars. But we did not need money to bear traveling expenses, for the people on the road treated us with great sympathy and kindness." In 1785, Mrs. York and her children returned to their old home in Wyal-

using, occupying a 600-acre tract, which had been conveyed to her father, Manassah Miner, who was one of the original stockholders in the Susquehanna Company. "Mrs. York was a woman of remarkable energy, deep piety, and ardently attached to the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, of which she was the nursing mother." She was born February 16, 1733; died October, 1821.

The children of Manassah and Lucretia York were: Wealthy Ann (died in infancy), Esther M., Lucretia, Wealthy Ann, Keziah, Sarah, Temperance, Manassah, Brinthia, Hannah, Amos (died in infancy). *Esther*, born November 15, 1754, married Aaron Smith of Brooklyn, Conn.; *Lucretia*, born April 21, 1757, married first Capt. Aholiab Buck, second Major Justus Gaylord of Wyalusing; *Wealthy Ann*, born November 3, 1759, married Benjamin Smith of Kingston, Pa.; *Keziah*, born January 1, 1762, married Lot Turrell of New Milford, Conn.; *Sarah*, born May 4, 1764, married Robert Carr of Yates county, N. Y.; *Temperance*, born May 1, 1766, married Daniel Turrell; *Brinthia*, born September 27, 1770, married William Sherman Buck; *Hannah*, born April 27, 1773, married Stephen Beckwith.

The son, *Manassah Miner*, born October 11, 1769, became a man of great usefulness and noted as a Presbyterian minister. "He was abundant in labors. He wrought with his hands, taught school, preached through a large section of country not only on the Sabbath, but through the week gathered the children for catechetical instruction, and older persons for Bible study. He occupied an extensive field, preaching regularly at Towanda, Wysox, Wyalusing, Black Walnut and occasionally at out stations. His name is still spoken with respect and veneration, and his memory is blessed." He died January 2, 1830, in Wysox. He married, 1792, Elizabeth Arnold of Black Walnut. Their children were: Amos, Vesta, Augusta, Miranda, Lucretia, Polly, Miner and Sarah. Amos, born Oct. 17, 1793, married Harriet Hinman, died May 16, 1878, in Wysox; Vesta married Adonijah Alden of Monroe, and died in the West; Augusta married Abner C. Hinman of Wysox; Miranda married George Carr, and died in New York state; Lucretia married Hannibal Hamlin and died in the West; Miner removed West, married there and died at Fort Scott, Kansas; Sarah never married, died in Illinois about 1864. Mrs. York died about 1845 at Byron, Ill.

The Bowmans (originally Bauman)—Jacob Bowman settled on the east side of Towanda Creek, opposite Mr. Fox, in or before 1775. He was a Loyalist, and upon the breaking out of hostilities retired to Canada. After the war his son, Jacob, returned, purchased of the state and occupied the place until his death.

Jacob Bowman, the latter, was a man of enterprise. He opened a house for public entertainment in 1801, and a little later had a store, mill, ferry and distillery. "Bowman's" became a place of note, and was a favorite rendezvous for raftsmen. Mr. Bowman did a flourishing business for several years, and at one time it was a question whether he or his brother-in-law, William Means, would succeed in establishing the place of more importance. He married Mary, daughter of Rudolph Fox; died June 21, 1845, aged 86 years, 3 months and 27 days. The children of Jacob and Mary Bowman were: *George*, married Orace Miller, lived and died in Towanda township; *Jacob* married Sally Rockwell, sister of Abner C. Rockwell of Monroe, and succeeded to the homestead; *John*, married Margaret Rolls, settled and died in Ulster; *Daniel*, married Sarah A. Daugherty, lived and died in Towanda township; *Mary*, married William McGill of Towanda; *Rebecca*, married James Watts of Towanda; *Hannah*, married Henry Fausey of Towanda; *Susan*, married Means, brother of James Watts; *Harry*, died a young man, unmarried.

Samuel Cole and sons may be properly accredited as the founders of the Macedonia settlement. Mr. Cole was a native of New England. About the year 1775 he removed from Gageborough, Massachusetts, to what is now Bradford county, settling at Macedonia. His claim originally embraced the plains from the river to the mountains. Upon this he remained until the breaking out of hostilities, when he retired with his family to Wyoming. He enlisted in Capt. Simon Spalding's company and served a considerable length of time. His son, Samuel, and a son-in-law, Mr. Culbertson, were also soldiers, and both were slain at the battle of Wyoming. It appears that Mr. Cole removed his family from Wyoming to Windham county, Conn., where they remained until after the war. Upon the establishment of peace, he returned with his family to Macedonia. His claim, however, did not hold under Connecticut title, and in 1813, of the land occupied by him, 615 acres were purchased from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by his son, Elisha. After a few years, Mr. Cole removed to the Genesee country, where he died. His children were: Solomon, Samuel, Elisha, Abisha, John, Mary and one other daughter, who married Philip Fox. *Abisha* and *John* sold their farms and removed out of the state. *Elisha*, born August 15, 1769, became celebrated as the pioneer Methodist preacher, married Amy Salisbury, settled near Monroeton, where he died April 6, 1852. His children were: Dollie (Mrs. Frederick Fisher), Catherine (Mrs. Isaac P. Lawrence), Abigail (Mrs. Thomas M. Wilson), Isabella (Mrs. John Wilson), Amy (Mrs Minor Knapp), Salisbury

and Samuel. *Solomon* remained in Macedonia, where he died August 18, 1832, in his 74th year. His wife, Hannah, died June 19, 1842, in her 82nd year. Their children were: Solomon, Samuel, Daniel, John and Sally (Mrs. Richards). Solomon married Sally, daughter of Jonathan Fowler of Monroe, and was a physician and preacher; he died in 1876, aged 84 years. Samuel was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in 1861, in his 74th year. He had sons, Francis, I. Dikeman and William F. Daniel was a prominent physician and also preacher. John was drowned in December, 1849, in his 52nd year. *Mary*, or "Molly Cole," as she was commonly known, the widow of Mr. Culbertson, lived near her brother at Monroeton, where she died.

Nathan Kingsley was not only a man of much prominence in the early settlement of the county, but stood high in the estimation of the people throughout the Wyoming Valley. He was the eldest son of Salmon Kingsley, and was born January 23, 1743, in Scotland, Windham county, Conn. He married Roccelana Wareham of Windsor, Conn., and removed to Wyoming about the year 1772. He was one of the original proprietors of Springfield and came to Wyalusing in 1776. In the latter part of 1777 he was captured by the Indians and remained a prisoner nearly a year. While in captivity he secured the friendship and confidence of the Indians by his skill in doctoring their horses. He was, in consequence, allowed considerable liberty, and permitted to go into the woods to gather herbs and roots for his medicines. Seizing a favorable opportunity, he made his escape and reached Wyoming in safety. During his captivity, his family found a home with Jonathan Slocum of Wilkes-Barre. On the 22nd of November, 1778, while Mr. Kingsley was yet in captivity, his son, Nathan, was killed by the Indians, and a younger son and Frances Slocum, famous in story, carried away by them. He served as a lieutenant in Capt. John Franklin's Wyoming Company (1782), 5th Regiment of Militia, state of Connecticut. In 1775 he was appointed one of the committee of inspection of Westmoreland, and in May, 1776, was chosen lieutenant of the 9th, or Up-River Company of the 24th Connecticut Militia. At the close of the war, Mr. Kingsley, his wife and surviving son, Wareham, returned to the old home in Wyalusing. Upon the organization of Luzerne county in May, 1787, he was commissioned one of the judges, which office he resigned in 1790. Mr. Kingsley is described as "a large, tall man of more than ordinary intelligence, deeply interested in the prosperity of the community and the development of the county. He built a distillery, fell a victim of the habit of the times and in his old age lost his property." He died in Ohio in 1822, aged 80 years. Mrs.

Kingsley died in Wyalusing, and is buried in the old cemetery there. *Wareham*, the son, married Urania Turrell. They had children: Lydia (Mrs. Jabez Brown), Roswell, Nathan, Chester B, Abigail and Roccelana. Nathan removed to Connecticut; Chester went South; Roswell died in Standing Stone. The father died at the home of his son, Nathan.

Lemuel Fitch, a native of Colchester, Connecticut, in the Spring of 1774, with James Wells laid out Standing Stone, the "Long Township" as it was called under the Susquehanna Company's grant, and the same year moved upon the lot he had selected for himself. Here he remained until December, 1777, when he was captured by the Tories and Indians, who plundered his house and carried off whatever was of value. Mr. Fitch died in captivity. He had married Rebecca Comstock. They had no children. Mrs. Fitch afterwards married a Mr. Gromet and died about 1795.

Wells Family—The name Wells is of English origin and the history of the family dates back to 1194, when William de Welles became founder of that long line of noblemen in Lincolnshire. The line of descent from him to James Wells was Thomas, Noah and Jonathan.

James Wells, born 1732, at Colchester, Connecticut, March 28, 1754, married **Hannah Loomis**, also of Colchester. In 1771, with his wife and nine children he removed from Colchester to the Wyoming Valley, where he rendered valuable assistance as surveyor in establishing the boundaries of Kingston and Plymouth townships. In the Spring of 1774, in company with other Connecticut people, he came up the river to Springfield, now Wyalusing, where he settled, being the first to follow the Indians and Moravians there. Danger becoming imminent from the savages, in the Spring of 1776 Mr. Wells returned with his family to Wyoming. The same year he and his eldest son, James, enlisted in the 1st Independent Company of Wyoming, under command of Capt. Robert Durkee. In this company Mr. Wells was first lieutenant and his son a private. Early in 1778, while with Washington's army in New Jersey he learned of the threatening conditions at Wyoming, and fearing for the safety of his family, obtained a leave of absence and hastened to Wyoming the latter part of June. Lieutenant Perrin Ross accompanied him. In the battle which followed on the 3rd of July, both went out to meet the enemy and were slain. Tradition says that Lieutenant Wells was wounded in the leg and the Indians attempted to capture him. Being a man of stalwart frame, 6 feet and 7 inches tall and giant strength, he hurled off his enemies until one sunk a tomahawk into his skull, ending the struggle. After

the battle the mother with ten children fled with other fugitives to their friends in Connecticut, where they remained until 1787, when they returned to Wyalusing. Here she died in 1795, aged 70 years, hers being the first grave in the Merryall cemetery, over which a monument has been erected by descendants. The children of James and Hannah Wells were: James, Hannah, Betsey, Olive, Amasa, Guy, Reuben, Cyrus, Theodosia, Alice and Mary ("Molly").

James, born 1755, served in Captain Spalding's company until the close of the war, then settled at Honeoye Falls, N. Y.

Amasa, born 1765, settled for a time at Camptown, later removed to Pike township, where he died. He married Tamer ———. Their children were: Loomis, married Orabella Keeler; Cyrus; Amasa, married Sarah Lewis; Beebe, married Miss Miles; Sally (Mrs. Camp); Patty (Mrs. Lathrop); Calista (Mrs. Roberts); Amy (Mrs. David Wood); Harriet (Mrs. Abner Wood); Mary (Mrs. Fuller).

Guy, born 1766, married Elizabeth, daughter of Perrin Ross, who fell with his father at Wyoming. She was a direct descendant of John and Priscilla (Mollins) Alden, of Mayflower celebrity. He was a man of prominence and usefulness, and for many years a justice of the peace. He died April 8, 1828, at Merryall, aged 62 years. The children of Guy and Elizabeth Wells were: Eliza, born January 17, 1793, married Israel Buck: Chester, born November 12, 1794, married April 25, 1819, Rebecca Hines; Mercy, born September 13, 1796, married Israel Camp; Levi, born November 23, 1798, married Fanny Baird of Bridgewater; Hannah, born November 3, 1800, married Asael Graves; Sophia, born December 7, 1803, married Niram Ackley; Perrin, born November 30, 1806, married Emily Peck of Browntown; William Sterling, born October 8, 1808, married Sophia Baird of Bridgewater; Guy, born July 21, 1813, married Caroline Sturdevant of Skinner's Eddy.

Reuben, born 1768, married Abigail Turrell, lived for a time on Wyalusing Creek, then removed to Susquehanna county.

Cyrus, born 1770, settled in the state of New York.

Hannah, born 1757; *Betsey*, born 1760; *Olive*, born 1762; *Theodosia*, born 1772; *Alice*, born 1774, believed to have been the first white child born in Wyalusing township; *Mary*, born 1776.

Gen. Simon Spalding was a descendant in the sixth generation from Edward Spalding, the first of the family to come to America. He was a son of Simon and Anne (Billings) Spalding, and was born January 16, 1742, at Plainfield, Conn. In 1761 he was married to Ruth Shepard, and a few years thereafter removed to the Wyoming Valley. He took up Connecticut lands in Standing Stone, 1775, re-

mained there a year, then returned to Wyoming. On the 26th of August, 1776, he was commissioned second lieutenant in Capt. Samuel Ransom's company; promoted and commissioned first lieutenant, January 1, 1777; promoted to captain, June 24, 1778, and given command of the two independent companies of Wyoming (united in one), bore a prominent part in Colonel Hartley's expedition, and accompanied General Sullivan in his campaign against the Indians. He was at Valley Forge with his company, participated in the battles of Germantown and Brandywine, and also had a command at "Mud Fort" on the Delaware river, during the long continued and severe cannonading at that point by the British in October, 1777. Captain Spalding was transferred to the First Regiment, Connecticut line, and continued in the service till January 1, 1783. He was a brave and faithful officer and distinguished himself in various engagements, one of which was Bound Brook, where he captured several prisoners and recovered a quantity of forage, gathered by the British. After the war he was made a general of militia.

Captain Spalding led a little band of patriots from Wyoming, and on May 30, 1783, established the first settlement in Sheshequin. He was a member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati, and prominent in Wyoming affairs before his removal to Sheshequin. In 1791 and '92 he represented Luzerne county in the Pennsylvania legislature, and took an active interest in all popular movements that tended to good government. General Spalding is described as "a large man, kind hearted, of imposing and pleasing appearance, calculated to gain the love and esteem of men, even of a savage." He died January 24, 1814, in Sheshequin, aged 72 years. His wife died October 1, 1806, in her 65th year The children of Simon and Ruth Spalding were: Sarah, John, Ruth, Rebecca, Mary, Anna, George and Chester Pierce

Sarah, born January 31, 1763, married Joseph Kinney, died in Sheshequin, June 9, 1840.

John, born November 14, 1765, was a fifer in his father's company and accompanied him on the Sullivan expedition. He took an active part in military affairs and was commissioned colonel of State Militia. He married (page 3) Wealthy Ann Gore; died in Sheshequin, February 19, 1828. Their children were: Harry, born September 30, 1784, married Lemira Satterlee, died May 23, 1821, in Towanda; William Bela, born August 24, 1786, married Delight Spalding, died in Texas, September 10, 1848; Noah, born June 28, 1788, married Huldah Kellogg, died in Towanda, February 5, 1835; Obadiah Gore, born August 11, 1790, married Clotilda Hoyt, died in Michigan, December, 1847;

Simon, born June 5, 1792, died May 15, 1814; Sarah, born August 26, 1794, married Gen. Henry Welles of Athens, died December 29, 1877; Ulysses, born July 3, 1796, married Jane A. Smith, died in Peru, Ill.; Wealthy Ann, born July 14, 1798, married Luther Carner, died April 8, 1833; George W., born August 18, 1800, married Prudence Brown, died August 24, 1840, in Illinois; John Avery, born August 14, 1802, married Amanda Tracy, died August 7, 1842; Charles M., born December 20, 1804, married Jane Crawford, died in Texas, January 20, 1858; Zebulon Butler, born December 20, 1807, married Keziah B. Ovenshire, died November 19, 1870; Avery Gore, born March 28, 1810, died September 19, 1835; Mary Ann, born April 30, 1812, died October 26, 1831.

Ruth Shepard, born July 2, 1771, married Silas Hutchins of Killingly, Conn.

Mary, born July 20, 1776, married Moses Park, died May 2, 1842.

Anna, born April 21, 1779, married Col. Joseph Kingsbury, died September 18, 1864.

George, born September 5, 1782, died May 26, 1800, unmarried.

Chester Pierce, born June 18, 1784, married Sarah Tyler, died at Palmyra, N. Y., 1811.

Miner Robbins, a nephew of Mrs. Amos York, came to Wyalusing probably at the same time as his uncle, about 1774. He married a Miss Phelps of Meshoppen. In the autumn of 1777 he retired down the Valley, joined Captain Hewitt's Company, and was identified with the patriots in the defense of the settlements and the protection of the inhabitants. In June, 1778, while on a scout up the river, he was fired upon by a party of Tories and Indians and fatally wounded. He was buried near the present Carpenter burying-ground.

Captain Robert Carr, one of the original proprietors of Springfield, came to Wyalusing in 1775. Before his advent here he had been a sea captain; also interested in different mill properties from Wyoming to Wyalusing. In May, 1776, he was chosen captain of the 9th, or Up River Company, of the 24th Connecticut Militia. It appears, however, that the members of this company were so widely scattered, that as an organization they were never brought together for active field service. In 1777, Captain Carr retired to Wyoming. On the 9th of November, 1778, while in company with David Goss, below Wapwallopen, they were attacked by a band of Indians; Carr was shot through the thigh, tomahawked and scalped. Goss was also killed. Carr evidently had never married.

Samuel Ketchum and ***Amaziah Ketchum***, in 1776, came from Warwick, Orange county, N. Y., and located on the Storrs farm in Asylum. They cleared several acres, built a log house and made other improvements. During the war they returned to Warwick, joined the association of Sons of Liberty, and were in active service until the close of the Revolution. After the declaration of peace they came back to Asylum, and in 1791 sold their possession to Amos Bennett and removed to other parts.

Benjamin Skiff and ***Stephen Skiff*** of Windham county, Conn. settled on Wyalusing Creek in or before 1776. Jonas Ingham afterwards owned and occupied their possession. Benjamin Skiff enlisted in Captain Ransom's company and served through the Revolutionary war. The Skiffs subsequently removed to Montgomery county, N. Y.

Peter Schufeldt (Shoefelt), a Palatinate German, who had settled in the Mohawk Valley, in common with hundreds of his people, was driven out, it might be said, on account of the treatment of the New York authorities and danger from the Indians. In the month of May, 1770, Shoefelt and Rudolph Fox brought their families down the Susquehanna. The latter stopped at Towanda, and Shoefelt at what was afterwards known as Frenchtown, where he remained until after the breaking out of hostilities between this and the mother country, when in 1776 he sold out to James Forsyth, removing to the West Branch, where he was killed by the Indians two years later.

Anthony Rummerfield, a blacksmith by occupation, came from the Mohawk region in or before 1774, and located at the mouth of Rummerfield Creek in Standing Stone. He made a considerable improvement, but left during the Revolutionary troubles. Subsequently he removed to Catherines town, N. Y., where, under date, January 9, 1794, he sold to Matthias Hollenback, "a piece of land near Standing Stone, including the mouth and falls of a creek, which empties into the Susquehanna river * * * with my possession, improvement and mill-work, formerly erected by me, the said Anthony Rummerfield."

Benjamin Budd of Southampton, Long Island, who had moved to Orange county, N. Y., "having tired of contending with a rigorous climate and ungrateful soil, entered with enthusiasm into the new project of the Connecticut people for a colony on the Susquehanna river." Accordingly, he removed early with his wife, six sons and two daughters to Wyoming. Having purchased lots in Springfield, he erected a house and settled with his family at Terrytown in 1774. Budd's three

oldest sons, John, Joseph and Asa, took part with the Whigs, while he, though a non-combatant and pacificator, became obnoxious on account of suspected Tory sympathies and was obliged to retire to Wyoming. On the approach of the enemy, Mr. Budd and his family, consisting of wife, three young children, daughter and son-in-law took refuge in the stockade. After the battle they started for Shamokin, but finding lack of accommodations, pushed on to Northumberland. Here Mr. Budd and two of his sons died of smallpox. His wife, Rachael, and other members of the family were finally escorted to Orange county. None of the Budds ever returned to Terrytown.

The Pawlings.—Henry Pawling (Pauling), a wealthy gentleman of Providence, Montgomery county, Pa., in 1775, purchased of Job Chillaway, a prominent Indian, 625 acres of land (Pennsylvania title), covering the site of the Mission village at Wyalusing. Mr. Pawling, who was a supporter of the patriot cause, the next year (1776) sent his three sons, Benjamin, Jesse and William, single young men, to Wyalusing to manage the affairs of the plantation. "Being generous of their means, fond of the hunt and the rough sports of the times, the Pawlings soon became the leading spirits in the community, and lived on terms of great friendship with their neighbors until the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, when their ardent zeal for their Pennsylvania title led them to join the Loyalists, and identify themselves with the interests of the mother government." In 1777 the Pawling Brothers joined Col. John Butler, and were commissioned officers in his rangers. "They were all personally down against the settlement at Wyoming with the savages, and exercised great severities upon the prisoners." The Pawlings retired to Canada with the British and Indians. Henry Pawling in his will bequeathed a portion of the Chillaway purchase to his daughter, Catherine, the wife of Joseph Stalford. The Stalford family have since been in possession of these lands.

Isaac Hancock, in 1776, came from Montgomery county to Wyalusing with the Pawlings as tenant and housekeeper. In the Fall of 1777 he returned to Montgomery county with his family. After the conclusion of peace, he was one of the first to again make Wyalusing his home. He built a log house on the west side of the Sugar Run ferry road and opened it as a hostelry. He was licensed a taverner in 1788, and "Hancock's Tavern" became noted as a stopping place and the first public house in the county. In 1788 he was appointed an overseer of the poor for Springfield, and in 1791 was commissioned a justice of the peace for the same district. Later he moved up the Wyalusing Creek and settled near Stevensville. In 1801 he was commissioned a justice of the peace for Rush. "The old 'Squire was a portly,

jovial, light-complexioned man, the very opposite of his grave, dignified Quaker wife, whose dark face and black tresses contrasted strikingly with the light blonde locks of her husband." Mr. Hancock died March 2, 1820, in his 80th year, and his wife, April 12, 1822. Their remains rest in the Stevensville cemetery. The children of Isaac and Jemima Hancock were: *Patty*, married Silas F. Andrews of Sugar Run, removed to New York state; *Polly*, married Ezekiel Brown of Wyalusing; *Jennie*, married Daniel, son of Lieut. Perrin Ross, lived in Rush; *Sally*, married James Hines of Wyalusing; *Betsy*, born September 10, 1777, at Wyalusing, married Jesse Ross, brother of Daniel, died March 15, 1823, in Pike; *Rebecca*, married Dr. Reuben Baker and died childless, 1834, in Pike; *Nancy*, married February, 1805, Benajah Frink of Auburn; *John*; *Jesse*, married Louisa ———, and had children —Leroy, William, Loyd, Elizabeth, Jerusha, John, Mary and Henry, died, 1835, in Pike.

Gaylord Family in Bradford county are descendent from Deacon William Gaylord of Dorchester, whose third son was Walter, whose first son was Joseph, whose first son was Joseph, whose second son was Lieutenant Samuel, whose second son was Justus. Justus Gaylord, born March 12, 1732, was among the early settlers of Wyoming, having moved there with his family from Norwich, Conn. He became interested in Connecticut lands and purchased certain rights in Springfield (Wyalusing). Two of his sons, Ambrose and Justus, came on, 1776, and occupied these lands, remaining until the breaking out of hostilities, when they entered the Continental Army. After the battle of Wyoming, Mr. Gaylord took his family back to Connecticut, but returned after the war. In the great ice-flood, 1784, his house and effects were swept away, the family narrowly escaping with their lives. Soon after this disaster, he moved up to Wyalusing. Here and at Black Walnut he resided until after the death of his wife in 1814, when he went to Delaware county, Ohio, to live with his son, Elihu, where he died in 1820, aged 88 years. The children of Justus and Elizabeth Gaylord were: Ambrose, Justus, Eleazer, Ludd, Timothy, Elihu, Dama, Elizabeth and Chauncy.

Ambrose enlisted in Captain Ransom's company, and served until the close of the Revolutionary War. He married Eleanor, daughter of John Comstock and settled at Black Walnut, where he died June 12, 1844, aged nearly 95 years.

Ludd lost his life in the Revolutionary War.

Eleazer lived for a time at Frenchtown and then removed to Black Walnut.

Elihu settled in Ohio.

Timothy died at Candor, N. Y., in 1852, aged 80 years.

Chauncy, the youngest, went to Geneva, N. Y., where he was accidentally killed by being thrown from a building.

Dama married David Shoemaker and resided at Homets Ferry.

Elizabeth married Thomas Wigton and lived many years at Homets Ferry.

Justus Gaylord, Jr., born, 1757, in Connecticut, came to Wyalusing in 1776 with his brother, Ambrose, occupying Indian Meadows until 1777, when they joined Capt. Samuel Ransom's Company (afterwards Captain Spalding's) and served with distinction until the close of the Revolution. In 1785 he returned to Wyalusing, and in 1792 purchased 900 acres of land on the north side of Wyalusing Creek, to which he removed and where he remained until his death. Major Gaylord, as he was known, was among the foremost in every public enterprise, extensively engaged in business and often called to fill responsible places of trust. He was elected one of the first commissioners of the county, was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church at Wyalusing, and all through life one of its strongest supporters. He married first a Miss Garner, who died without issue. Subsequently he married Lucretia (York) Buck, widow of Capt. Aholiab Buck, who was slain at Wyoming. Major Gaylord died May 23, 1830. His wife survived him many years. She was a superior woman of great energy and industry, and of decided firmness of character. Mr. Miner paid her a visit in 1845 and says: "We found the good old lady in fine health and spirits. The profusion of lace upon her cap speaking of habitual fondness for dress, her round full face and cheerful smile indicating, in early life, remarkable personal beauty. She had walked a mile to visit Mrs. Taylor, wife of Major John Taylor, her daughter who was on her nursing bosom in July, 1778." She died January 15, 1846, aged nearly 88 years. Justus and Lucretia Gaylord had one child, Ludlow.

Ludlow married first Violata, daughter of Henry Champion of Wyoming, who died in 1810. They had two sons: (1) Henry, born 1806, married Martha, daughter of John and Deborah (Buck) Taylor, died January 1, 1875; (2) Justus, married Amanda Cogswell of Tuscarora. For his second wife, Mr. Gaylord married, 1812, Olive, daughter of Benjamin and Wealthy Ann (York) Smith, and had five sons and four daughters, who married as follows: Violata, to Chauncy Corbin; Permelia, to Benjamin Stetler; Joseph, to Lorinda H. Jayne; Pierce, to Catharine Gregory; Phebe, to Rofaxon Rogers; John, to

Anna Stetler; Asahel, to Nancy Smith; Manassah Miner, to Mary Lewis; Wealthy died unmarried.

William Dunn from York county, Pa., who had become a speculator in Susquehanna lands, came to Springfield and settled at Camptown. He retired and was killed by the Indians during the Wyoming troubles.

Ephraim Tyler, who was one of the original proprietors of Springfield, came from Wyoming and located at Merryall. He was a participant in the Wyoming battle. In the second Pennamite war he was an active partisan on the Yankee side, and one of the abductors of Timothy Pickering. After the Revolutionary War he settled in Wyoming county, but subsequently removed to Susquehanna county.

James Forsyth, a Scotchman, who was one of the original proprietors of Springfield, moved from Wyoming with his family to Wyalusing in 1776. He sold to Abraham Bowman, purchased and resided at Frenchtown until the autumn of 1777, when he returned to Wyoming.

Abraham Bowman, a native of Germany, came from Albany, N. Y., to Springfield, 1777, and purchased of James Forsyth. He retired to Dover, York county, Pa., where he died soon after the close of the Revolutionary War. He was unmarried.

Leonard Lott came from Stillwater, N. Y., to Wilmot township in 1777. He removed to Plymouth, and was at Forty Fort at the time of the battle. After the war he returned to Wilmot, remained two or three years, then went to Wyoming county, where he died.

John Seacord, who gained notoriety as a Tory and spy for the British, established himself at Tioga Point in 1777, coming from near Tunkhannock. He sold his improvement, 1785, to Matthias Hollenback and left the country with his family.

Other Settlers, who had located within Bradford county prior to 1778, were: *Springfield* (Wyalusing and Wilmot)—Caleb Atherton, Richmond Berry, Prince Bryant, Jacob Burt, William Crooks, Josiah Dewey, Benjamin Eaton, Calvin Eaton, Edward Hicks, Casper Hoover, Philip Painter, Isaiah Pasco, ——— Page, John Segar, Parker Wilson, ——— Winters; *Standing Stone*—Charles Angers, John Pensil, Conrad Sill, Adam Simmons, Isaac VanAlstine, James VanAlstine, Old VanAlstine; *Asylum*—Henry Anguish, Jacob Bruner, Philip Fox, Michael Showers, Stephen Sarah, Jacob Sipes; *Wysox*—Isaac Larraway, Isaac Larraway, Jr.

Joseph Wharton, the first settler in Tuscarora township, who had secured a patent from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a

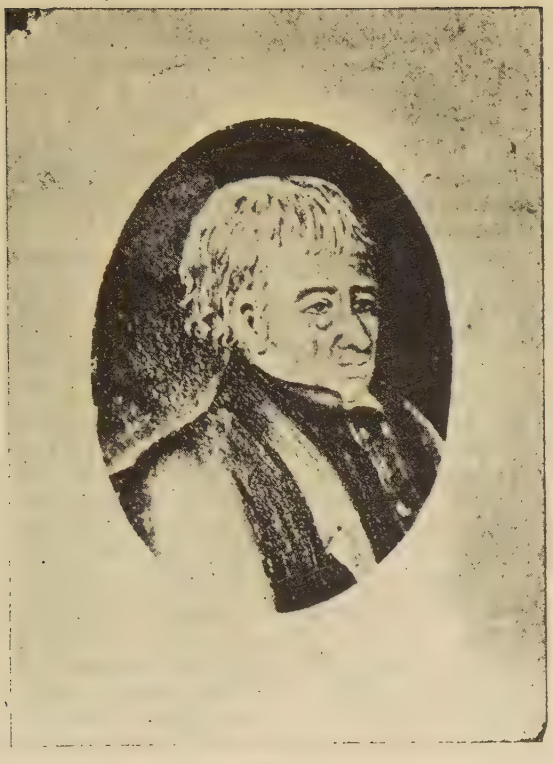
tract of land, lying near the county line, came on and occupied the same in 1775. He erected a log house and built a road to the river. He had an improvised samp-mill by felling a huge white pine and hollowing out the stump for a mortar, using a heavy Indian pestle for grinding corn. At this time there was no water-mill nearer than the Wyoming Valley. Wharton cleared and fenced about sixty acres of land and set out an orchard. After occupying his land for thirty-three years, in 1808, he sold to Elihu Hall and Elihu Hall, Jr., and moved to other parts.

Platner Family (Pladnor, Pladnore).—Elder Sevellon W. Alden says: "A family by the name of Pladnor removed from Wyoming to within what is now Monroe borough in 1779, and occupied the flats east of the present village for years. The Pladnors are well remembered by the writer, and it is said of them that they were truly loyal to the Pennamites and opposed to the encroachments of the Connecticut people. Mrs. Pladnor associated with the Indians, shot their rifles at a mark, ran foot races with them and witnessed their rude life and times, and then in after years was accustomed to relate the stirring incidents to the writer and his young associates to beguile the indoor hours of a long winter evening." Mrs. Platner had formerly been the wife of Elisha Wilcox, who had settled at Thorn Bottom, about twenty miles from the Pittston settlement. In June, 1778, Wilcox was captured by a band of Indians, detained prisoner and compelled to be in the Wyoming battle, soon after which event he died. He had two children, Stephen and Nancy. Mrs. Platner afterwards married Henry (John) Platner and came to Monroe. Her children accompanied her: *Stephen Wilcox* settled in Franklin township and afterwards moved West; *Nancy Wilcox* married Stephen Strickland of Wysox; another daughter, *Miss Platner*, married an Ogden, who for a time lived at Canton. After a few years Mr. Platner died, his widow subsequently removing to Franklin township, where her demise occurred, about 1830, aged 109 years.

Joseph Kinney was born, 1755, of Scotch-Irish parentage, at Plainfield, Conn. At the age of twenty-one he joined the American army, and saw his first service at Dorchester Heights in March, 1776. He was wounded in the leg and captured at the battle of Long Island. For three months he suffered the horrors of confinement in the old Jersey prison ship. After being released, and still much crippled from his wounds, he made his way home on foot. He again joined the army and was at the battle of Saratoga, resulting in the surrender of Burgoyne, October 17, 1777. He then returned to Plainfield, where

he remained until 1778, when he emigrated to Wyoming. Here, June 22, 1781, he married Sarah, eldest daughter of Capt. Simon Spalding, and with his father-in-law and others removed to Sheshequin in 1783. In Wyoming he had been a school teacher, but changed his occupation to that of a farmer in his new home, a calling in which he prided himself. His biographer says: "Mr. Kinney was not only a great reader, but was also a close and logical reasoner, and analyzed thoroughly everything offered before he stored it away in his memory as knowledge. He was particularly apt in the theological themes, and had many a gusty bout with the preachers of the day. His house was the home of all the itinerants of the Gospel in his day. With the limited education attainable in his day, he would be called a man of decided brain power, strong in the convictions of right and duty, a close reasoner, irreproachable in his integrity and highly respected by the large circle of his acquaintances. He was emphatically domestic in his tastes, and hence disliked and refused political positions generally." However, in 1791, he accepted the appointment of Justice of the Peace for the Tioga district, and served as one of the first County Commissioners, being elected on the Federal ticket in 1812. He died June 3, 1841, in his 86th year, and his wife, June 9, 1840, aged nearly 77 years. The children of Joseph and Sarah Kinney were: Simon, Ruth, George, Charles, Sarah, Lucy, Guy, Wealthy, Mina and Phebe M.

Simon, born August 26, 1784, was one of the first two children born in Sheshequin. At his majority he married Miss Phœbe Cash and took up the study of law. In 1814 he was admitted to practice and located in Towanda. He was a man of unquestioned legal ability and soon became one of the foremost lawyers in Northern Pennsylvania. He was elected to the State legislature from the Bradford-Tioga district in 1820 and '21. He was also County Treasurer in 1816-'17. He was a man of strong mind, and his service is favorably remembered by active participators in the political affairs of the time. David Wilmot completed his law studies in the office of Mr. Kinney, who was his first associate after entering the profession. Mr. Kinney's wife died in 1835, and in 1836 he removed to Illinois with the rest of his family. He identified himself with the interests of the Prairie State, and was one of the founders of the State government. He died, September 11, 1859, at Indiantown, Bureau county The children of Simon and Phœbe Kinney were: Harriet (Mrs. Charles Whitehead), Henry Lawrence, Joseph Warren, Emily, Sarah and Anna. Henry Lawrence achieved an enviable celebrity by his dash, courage and enterprise, which made him at one time quite the lion of the country. He was



Joseph Kinney.

the founder of Corpus Christi, Texas, and peopled the town by a denomination of his own settlers. After the Texan war he was captured in Mexico, and for a long time confined in the prison of Preote; served in the Mexican war in General Taylor's army; supplied the commissariat with stores from the resources of the country, and was deemed a millionaire at the end of the war. He spent much of his fortune afterwards in Central American expeditions. During the rebellion he served in Mexico as colonel of her army, and fought against the French

and Maximilian, and was killed at Monterey in 1862, while leading a small troop in ferreting out guerrillas in the city. He became one of the finest horsemen of Texas, taking lessons of the Comanches, and so far surpassing them that they were to his mastery but initiates. He won many victories over them in some of their sharpest fights. He had married a daughter of General Lamar of the "Lone Star" fame, and was about sixty years of age at the time of his death. Joseph Warren followed the fortunes of his brother, and acquired considerable landed property. He was accidentally fatally wounded by the explosion of his pistol in mounting his horse.

Ruth, married Warren Brown, a merchant of Towanda, who removed to Illinois in the 30's.

George, born May 13, 1788, spent his life in Sheshequin. He possessed a native strength and clearness of mind, which made him prominent in his day. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace and an officer in the State Militia. In 1837 he was elected a State Representative, and in the assembly maintained a prominent position and wielded an influence over its deliberations. Mr. Kinney married Mary Carner and reared a notable family. He died April 29, 1862; his wife, born March 16, 1787, died December 30, 1863. Their children were: Julia H., George Wayne, Horace, Newcomb, W. Wallace, O. H. Perry, Mary and Somers. Julia, noted as the poetess, married Dr David L. Scott of Towanda. George Wayne learned the printing art, but spent most of his years upon the farm. He married Abbey M. Hutchins of Killingly, Conn. Horace engaged in mercantile pursuits. He married Anna P., daughter of John F and Julia (Prentice) Satterlee of Athens, and was the father of the late Hon. Orrin Day Kinney. Newcomb went to Illinois, where he died quite early in life. W. Wallace studied medicine; married Elizabeth, daughter of Sullivan Chaffee, and practiced at Rome. O. H. Perry read law and practiced at Towanda for a time. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1858 and '59. Subsequently, he purchased an interest in the Waverly Advocate, was twice elected to the New York legislature from Tioga county, and was also a member of the last Constitutional Convention of that state. He married Mary Eggett, and was postmaster of Waverly at the time of his death, in September, 1883. Mary married D. S. Buil and removed to Iowa. Somers went to Texas and engaged in public enterprises. He was a member of the Texas legislature in 1857 and later engaged in journalism. He married, in the South, a Miss Howard, a lady of culture. Both died at Houston, Texas.

Charles followed farming in Sheshequin. He married Amanda

Carrier, who bore him three sons: Joseph, who became a Universalist minister and died in the West; Hanford, who died from army exposure; Amzi, who occupied the homestead.

Sarah married Lockwood Smith of Ulster. She died, without issue, March 14, 1856, in Sheshequin, aged 64 years.

Lucy married Thomas Marshall of Sheshequin and died in 1868, aged 72 years, without issue.

Guy married Matilda, daughter of Avery Gore, and lived in Sheshequin. Their children were: Ellen, Newton, Roxana, Ada, Avery, Simon, H. Clay and Ida, Newton gained considerable celebrity as a lecturer on phrenology and spiritualism.

Wealthy married Guy Tozer of Athens, who was Sheriff of the county from 1837 to '40. Their children were: Helen, Ralph, Lucy, Guy M., George, Frank and Charles. Mrs. Tozer died August 18, 1868, in her 68th year.

Perley occupied the homestead until the time of his death, September 4, 1845, being accidentally killed in a threshing machine. He married Sarah Hutchins of Killingly, Conn. They had three children: Perley H., who occupied the homestead; Miles F. read law and was a successful practitioner of the Bradford county bar; Ruth married George W. Fish of Sheshequin.

Mina married Stephen Smith and removed to Illinois, where her husband served as Sheriff of Bureau county

Phebe M. never married, and died at the old home, November 17, 1867, aged 60 years.

Captain Stephen Fuller removed to Wyoming, 1769, from Hampton, Windham county, Conn. He took an active interest in the affairs of the Susquehanna Company, and held various positions in the organization of the new colony. In 1773, he, Obadiah Gore, Jr. and Seth Marvin were given the privilege of erecting a saw-mill on Mill Creek. The mill was completed the same year, and was the first saw mill erected on the upper waters of the Susquehanna In October, 1775, he was commissioned Captain of the First Company of the Connecticut Militia and took part in the battle of Wyoming. In 1783, he and his sons, John and Reuben, joined General Spalding's party and came to Sheshequin, where they occupied Connecticut lands. Captain Fuller had married Mary Abbott of Connecticut. Their daughter, *Abigail*, married first Capt. James Bidlack, second Col. John Franklin. The sons, *John* and *Reuben*, after residing in Sheshequin a score of years, removed to other parts. Captain Fuller died May 24, 1813, aged 82 years. His wife lies beside him in the Sheshequin cemetery.

Sergeant Thomas Baldwin, one of the patriots accompanying General Spalding to Sheshequin (1783) was a native of Norwich, Conn. He early removed with the family of his father, Isaac Baldwin, to the Wyoming Valley. Upon the breaking out of hostilities, he enlisted in Captain Durkee's (after Captain Spalding's) Company and served through the Revolutionary War. A brother and sister having been captured and carried away by the Indians, he spent some time scouting in the Susquehanna and Chemung Valleys, hoping to meet and release them. He was in General Sullivan's campaign against the Indians and was wounded in the engagement at Baldwin's Creek. In 1782 he commanded a company of volunteers, sent in pursuit of the Indians, who had taken Mrs. Roswell Franklin and four of her children captive. Overtaking the Indians at Lime Hill, where a desperate battle was fought, he routed the enemy and succeeded in rescuing three of the children, though Mrs. Franklin was killed by an Indian. Sergeant Baldwin remained in Sheshequin only temporarily. While residing here, in the summer of 1783, his son, Vine, was born—said to be the first white child to see the light in the Sheshequin Valley. He settled on the Newtown battlefield, where he died (1810) and is buried. Their son, *Vine*, became a man of decided enterprise, and was for many years a resident of Ridgebury and Troy.

Hugh Forseman (Fordsman), who came with General Spalding to Sheshequin (1783), was a native of Ireland. He married Judith Slocum, sister of "the lost Frances." He served as justice of the peace, and as one of the Justices of Quorum in the county of Westmoreland. Mr. Miner says: "Being a man of business and probity, few shared more highly the general confidence. As clerk of the town, his writing is singularly neat and accurate. To his care we are indebted that the old Westmoreland records were preserved." Mr. Forseman was a resident of Sheshequin as late as 1804. He probably returned to Wyoming.

Benjamin Cole, with his wife, son and two daughters, came (1783) with General Spalding to Sheshequin. After remaining about twenty years he removed to other parts.

Benjamin Patterson, a native of Stratford, Conn., and soldier of the Revolution, came from the Wyoming Valley with General Spalding's party (1783) and settled at Athens on the east side of the Susquehanna. He was the first man to locate in Athens township after the Revolutionary War. In 1788 he sold his possession to Robert McIlhoe, removed and died in Kentucky about 1840, aged 88 years.

Brown Family is of English origin, their history being known from the marriage of Edward Brown and Jane Leids, about 1550. In 1630, their son, Nicholas, and wife, Elizabeth, came to America and settled at Lynn, Mass. Here their son, Thomas, was born. He married Mary Newhall. They had sixteen children. One of these was Thomas, Jr., who married Hannah Collins. They had ten children, of whom Thomas, 3rd, married Deborah Holdredge. They had seven children, the eldest being Thomas, 4th.

Thomas Brown (4th), born April 5, 1717, at Stonington, Conn., followed the sea, but being crippled by exposure, gave up that calling and settled at Quaker Hill, N. Y., whence, 1776, he removed with his family to the Wyoming Valley, settling at Wilkes-Barre. Henry Elliott and family came from the same place, and lived in the house next to the Browns. At the time of the battle, July 3, 1778, Mr. Brown being unable to render military service, joined those at the fort for the protection of the women and children. Two of his sons, Thomas and John, went to battle and were slain. After the battle, the two families made their escape, and suffering great hardships, succeeded in reaching Goshen, N. Y., where they remained until November, when they returned to the Valley. In 1783, Mr. Brown came to Wyalusing. His settlement became a noted one and is to this day known as Browntown. He married first Hannah Spooner, by whom he had children, Thomas and John (both killed at Wyoming) and Betsy. His second wife was Patience Brockway. Their children were: Hannah, Sibyl, Patience, Ezekiel, Humphrey, Daniel, Allen, Jabez, Collins (died day after Wyoming battle, aged 3 years), Charles, Benjamin and others dying in childhood. Mr. Brown died June 25, 1791, aged 74 years. His remains repose beside those of his wife in the Wyalusing cemetery.

Betsy married Thomas Rowley of the Wyoming Valley, and had two children, Moses and Martha.

Hannah married Thomas Herrington of Owego, and had children, Reuben, Thomas and Martha. Family removed to Ithaca, where the father and mother died.

Sibyl married Josiah Marshall and lived in Sheshequin. They had children: Samuel, Thomas, Edward, Josiah B., Elizabeth and Sarah. Mrs. Marshall married for her second husband, Ebenezer Segar, and had children: Amanda, Patience L., Charles E., Collins M., Julia and Henry. She died, 1851, in Sheshequin, in her 80th year.

Patience was the first wife of Joseph Elliott, and died without issue.

Ezekiel married Polly Hancock and settled in Pike township. They

had two daughters, one of whom married Ansel Olmstead and the other Ezekiel Mintz.

Humphrey married Hannah, daughter of Oliver Dodge, and lived at Wyalusing. They had children: Thomas, Oliver, William, Mason, Daniel, Humphrey, Sally (Mrs. Elisha Whitney), Rachel (Mrs. Hopkins Loots) and Abby (Mrs. John Bird).

Daniel married, 1793, Polly, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gaylord) Wigton. Their children, who married as follows, were: George went West; Jesse, first to Maria Fish, second to Sophia Wells; Ira to Nancy King; Daniel Warren to Katherine King; Charles to Tanna Betts; William Hamilton to Juliet Johnston; Nelson to Clarissa Snook; Thomas Ellicott to Lois Lake; Sibyl to Jared D. Goodenough; Cynthia, first to Henry Lung, second to Simon Boles; Eliza to James Butler. Daniel Brown was the last survivor of the 21 children of Thomas Brown. He was eight years old at the time of the Wyoming battle, which horrible affair he witnessed. At the time of his death, March 3, 1859, in his 89th year, he is supposed to have been the last male survivor of the "Wyoming Massacre." He was the ancestor of 15 children, 71 grand-children, 44 great-grand-children and 4 great-great-grand-children.

Allen married Polly Swingle and had children: John, Benjamin, Jacob, Hiram, Lorena, Susan, Patience and Eunice.

Jabez married Lydia, daughter of Wareham Kingsley and had children: Lorana, Fanny, Theresa and Franklin. He married for his second wife, Betsy Schrader of Monroe, and had children: Jabez, Damen and Kate.

Charles married Fanny, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Dodge) Gilbert and lived in Monroe. They had children: Harrison, Burton, Byron, Robert, Prentis and Orris (Mrs Joseph Homet).

Benjamin married Jane, daughter of William Huyck and lived in Standing Stone. Their children were: Guy, Perceptor, Lord, Belinda (Mrs. John Terwilliger), Ellen (Mrs. Harry Clark), Collins, Allen, Charles E., Sarah (Mrs. Austin Frost) and John H.

Jesse Allen, a native of Morristown, N. J., enlisted in the Continental Army early in the struggle for American Independence and served throughout the war. He was in the expedition under Montgomery into Canada, and stood within a few feet of that officer when he fell at Quebec. He was in many engagements and Indian skirmishes, serving in the Company of Capt. Jacobus S. Bruyn, under Col. James Clinton, New York Continentals. He was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. It was probably during the war that he be-

came acquainted with and subsequently married Elizabeth Eiklor (whose parents were Holland people) of Catskill, N. Y. In 1784, he came to Wysox in quest of a new home. He selected the river flats opposite Towanda, worked the season making improvements and returned in the autumn for his family. Upon his arrival the next Spring, finding his improvements occupied by Roswell Franklin, he went to the lower end of the valley, took possession of and subsequently purchased all the land comprised between the creek and narrows. "Mr. Allen came from the head of the river in a canoe with his effects, while Mrs. Allen rode a horse all the way, following the Indian trail and carrying an infant, not many weeks old, who afterwards became the late Peter Allen of Rome." Mr. Allen occupied his purchase a number of years. After having cleared and improved many acres and planted the first orchard in the Wysox valley, he sold to Theophilus Moger, then lived for a time on the old Coolbaugh property and also on the Lent place at Pond Hill. In 1800, he removed to the Genesee country, where he remained a short time, then returned to Pond Hill, where he continued to reside until his death. "Jesse Allen was a stirring, impulsive man, a strong supporter of the Presbyterian church and one of the most zealous promoters in the formation of the Towanda-Wysox congregation." He died June 24, 1824, in his 70th year, and his wife, September 6, 1845, in her 90th year. Both are buried at Pond Hill. The children of Jesse and Elizabeth Allen were: William, Peter, Andrew, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Phœbe and David.

William married Eleanor, daughter of Moses Coolbaugh, died April 9, 1859, in Wysox, in his 78th year. Their children, who married as follows, were: Moses C. to Electa Bennett; Ferdinand to Sarah Mullison; William died unmarried; Alvin died in the Mexican War, unmarried; Polly to Henry Passmore; Eliza to Benjamin Bennett.

Peter married Elizabeth, daughter of David Ridgway, died in Rome, November 15, 1852, aged 68 years. Their only child, Rachel E., married Oscar F. Young.

Andrew died unmarried.

Elizabeth married Arunah Wattles. Their children, who married as follows, were: John Mason to Amanda Pierce; Elizabeth to Mr. Woodburn; Caroline to Lewis Lent; Milton to Jane Ransom; D. Clinton to Jane Carter.

Mary married Benjamin Dresser and had children: Charles, William, Elizabeth and Mary (Mrs. Sherb Allis).

John married Caroline, daughter of Daniel Wattles. Their children, who married as follows, were: Jesse, first to Cynthia Coolbaugh,

second to Mary Whitney; Ellen, first to Rev. Philander Camp, second to Rev. S. F. Colt; Dorrance to Kate McMullen; Alice to Daniel Meehan.

Phoebe married Moses Moody of Rome. Their children, who married as follows, were: John to Hattie Dickinson; Elizabeth, first to Mr. Reel, second to Albert Lent; Allen died unmarried; Myron to Lucretia Fell; Amanda to William Barns; Nelson to Jane Hannon; Lemuel L., first to Sarah Woodburn, second to Justice Eastman; William to Ann Cranmer; Horace M. to Lucinda L. Allen of Smithfield.

David married Sally, daughter of William and Susanna (Shoemaker) Coolbaugh. He died at Pond Hill, July 26, 1821, in his 24th year.

Andreas Budd, a German, was the first man to locate at Tioga Point upon the re-settlement of the county. He came in 1783 or '84 and built a log house, which he and his family occupied. In 1795 he sold to Elisha Mathewson and left the country.

Jacob Snell, a German, who had served in the Northampton county Militia, Continental line, during the war for Independence, came from Stroudsburg in 1784, stopping at Athens. "The journey was made in a canoe, containing the family and their belongings, which included a sheep or two and some poultry." A site was finally selected on the west side of the Chemung river, where Mr. Snell continued to reside, being the first permanent settler of the township. A son, Abraham, who saw the light, July 5, 1784, was the first white child born in Athens township. In 1790 Jacob Snell's family consisted of ten males and one female. He died in the '90's, and his children, who are remembered or grew up, were: John, Abraham, Jacob, Daniel and Henry. His widow, Anna, became the second wife of Joseph Spalding, by whom she had two children, Simon and Celestia.

Roswell Franklin, a native of Connecticut, who was among the earliest immigrants to Wyoming and prominent in the affairs of that colony, came to Wysox in the Fall of 1784 or Spring of '85. He was an ardent patriot, served as an ensign at the battle of Wyoming and afterwards was a lieutenant under Colonel Franklin. Having killed an Indian while on a scout in June, 1781, he was marked as a victim for savage vengeance. But a few months had elapsed when the Indians killed one of his sons, carried another into captivity, burned his grain stacks and stole his horses. On Sunday, April 7, 1782, "still burning with rage and intent on vengeance, the Indians rushed into Lieutenant Franklin's house, and took his wife and their four remaining children, set fire to the building, which, with the furniture, not

plundered, was consumed to ashes. Parties went immediately in pursuit." In the engagement which ensued at Lime Hill between the rescuing party and Indians, Mrs. Franklin was shot by one of the savages. Three of the children were recovered, but the baby was carried away. When Mr. Franklin moved to Wysox his brother, Jehial, came with him. They held the Connecticut title of several lots in Claverack, embracing all the flats opposite Towanda. Roswell built and occupied a double log house a little below the Nobles place. In 1789 he removed to Cayuta county, where he settled on lands in dispute between Massachusetts and New York. "After two years of arduous labor, winter approached and found his cellar stored and his granaries full, the product of a fruitful soil and unremitting industry. A ray of gladness broke in on his dwelling, and 'Hope and Pleasure' smiled. Governor Clinton sent a band of men early in the winter into the Genesee country to destroy the settlements making there. Every habitation was burnt, the improvements laid waste and all the grain consumed by fire. Lieutenant Franklin looked around him a moment on this new scene of desolation and woe in utter despair—seized a rifle and put an end to his existance." The children of Roswell Franklin were: John, William, Samuel, Daniel, Cornelius, Betsy, Alice, Eleanor and Julia.

Benjamin Clark, a native of Tolland, Connecticut, removed to the Wyoming Valley, and was among the very first to build a house on the town-plat of Wilkes-Barre. He was a corporal in the First Independent Company of Wyoming, under Capt. Robert Durkee, and served seven years in the Revolutionary War. He was one of the detachment sent for the relief of Wyoming after the fatal battle, and was in the army of General Sullivan against the Indians. For his services he received a pension of $96 per year. Subsequently, he was appointed a captain of militia, and was known by the older settlers as "Captain Clark." In 1784 he removed from Wyoming to Asylum, and the next year settled in Ulster on what is known as the Ross farm. His house was a place of entertainment for travelers and a home of the Methodist itinerant for many years, and in it the first preaching was held in "Old Sheshequin." Captain Clark was an ardent Federalist and a member of the Methodist church. He took an active interest in public affairs, and for years filled the most important local offices. He died at Ulster, August 9, 1834, aged 87 years.

Captain Clark was twice married. The Westmoreland town records contain the following: "Births of the children of Benjamin Clark and Nabbe, his wife—John Theophilus, born July 8, 1770; Polly, born

March 3, 1774; Sally and Milly (twins), born March 5, 1777. Nabbe, wife of Benjamin Clark, departed this life, March 12, 1777, in the 24th year of her age." Their children selected partners as follows:

John T., married Cynthia, daughter of James Campbell and settled in Burlington, where he died. They had 12 children who married as follows: Billings to Charlotte Nichols; James to Sally Simons; Cephas to Sally Wilcox; Benjamin died, aged 19, from being kicked by a horse; Sally to Timothy C. Wheeler; Betsey to Abraham Reeves; Ursulla to Earl Nichols; Celestia to Harry L. Ross; Polly, first to Amos Alexander, second to Zepheniah Lane; Jane died unmarried; Cynthia to Eliphalet Gustin; Melissa to Mortimer Knapp.

Polly (Mary) married a Mr. Blanchard.

Nabby (Abigail) married George Culver and moved to the Lake country.

For his second wife, Captain Clark married Keziah Yarrington, widow of Silas Gore, who was slain at the battle of Wyoming. She died August 12, 1837, aged 91 years, and lies beside her husand in the Ulster cemetery. Their four children, who married as follows, were:

Lucinda, to Nathaniel Hovey, an officer in the War of 1812, who died at Sackett's Harbor in 1814.

Ursula, to Samuel Treadway and removed to Illinois.

William, to Sylvia, daughter of Ezra Niles and removed to Cairo, Ill.

Julia Ann, first to John Overton, and after his death to a Mr. Passmore, with whom she moved West.

Henry Elliott emigrated with his family from Stonington, Conn., to Wyoming in 1776. He located at Wilkes-Barre, his nearest neighbor being Thomas Brown. Both families witnessed the horrible battle, July 3, 1778, after which they made a successful flight to Goshen, N. Y. In November, 1778, they returned to Wyoming, where they remained until 1783, when Mr. Brown moved to Wyalusing, Mr Elliott coming with him or soon after. Mr. Elliott settled at Sugar Run, where he remained until 1792, when he went to Merryall to live with his son, Joseph. Here he died December 21, 1809, aged 97 years. Henry Elliott married Mary Kegwin, who died December 1, 1806, aged 91 years. They had sons: Henry, Jabez, John and Joseph.

Henry died before the Revolutionary War.

Jabez, though a mere lad, was at the battle of Wyoming, afterwards joined the Sullivan Expedition as a pack-horse driver and was

killed by the Indians, August 17, 1779, near Tioga Point, while in search of missing horses.

John went to Detroit, and was an officer in the army, War of 1812.

Joseph Elliott, born October 10, 1755, at Stonington, Conn., came with his parents to Wyoming and afterwards to Wyalusing. In 1777 he was in the detachment of Colonel Dorrance up the Susquehanna. When the British and Indians advanced upon Wyoming, he joined Captain Bidlack's company, was in the battle, July 3, 1778, and captured by the Indians. "He was taken with Lebbeus Hammond and many others to 'Bloody Rock,' where they saw one after another of their friends and fellow captives despatched by the tomahawk of the relentless Queen Esther, while the savages danced with hideous orgies around the inhuman spectacle. Hammond and Elliott by a concerted effort, made while the Indians were attracted by the struggles of some of their robust victims, broke loose from their captors and escaped, Hammond towards the mountains and Elliott towards the river. Not unpursued, however, some three or four Indians followed hard upon the footsteps of each. Elliott, whose flight was through the open flats, athletic and urged on by the love of life and pursued by certain death, should they overtake him, fled with the speed of the wind; and although the distance was not to exceed some 300 or 400 yards, gained so much upon his pursuers as to enable him, by dint of throwing himself headlong down the bank of the river, and swimming and diving to the utmost of his strength and power to have reached some 50 yards out into the stream before the Indians appeared on the bank. Observing them in the act of preparing to shoot he sunk himself beneath the water, and was fired upon when he came to the surface. A bullet struck him in the left shoulder, inflicting a grievous wound. Being compelled to steady his wounded arm, dangling by his side, with his right hand he swam to shore and took shelter behind a tree a moment to recover breath. His wound bled so profusely that his clothes became a burden; but he at length arrived at Wilkes-Barre fort, where his wound was dressed."

No sooner had he recovered from his wound, than he again entered the service. On Sullivan's advance into the Indian country, a line of expresses was established to connect with Wyoming. Joseph Elliott and John Carey were selected for this duty. In this arduous undertaking, he was exposed to great hardships—drenched with rain, out by night and day, sleeping in the woods when sleep he could, sometimes hungry and often cold, after eighty days' service he was taken sick and barely recovered. In 1782, Mr. Elliott was second in command of the party going in pursuit of the Indians, who had carried away Mrs. Roswell

Franklin and children. In the engagement which followed at Lime Hill, he was at the front and his markmanship effectual.

Mr. Elliott was paid a visit by Mr. Miner, the historian, who says: "Below the middle height, he was well built, and of that cast best shown by experience to be adapted to endure fatigue. June 25, 1845, when we called upon the old gentleman to hear his narrative, he was at work in his garden. In early life, Joseph Elliott must have been handsome for except the loss of his right eye, he still looks well. His face is round, and lighted up by a benevolent smile. Half his thin hair is still dark, and his manner mild and pleasing. But when he is in full tide, relating the events of battle, age is forgotten and he is full of animation. His habits have been simple, his life virtuous, his conduct in war as meritorious as fidelity and bravery could render it. He lives universally respected." Mr. Elliott was given a pension of $96 per year in his closing days. He died March 31, 1849, at Merryall, in his 94th year. Joseph Elliott married first Patience, daughter of Thomas Brown, who died without issue. October 18, 1787, he married Deborah, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Turrell) Lewis. Their children were: John, Rocelana, Mary, Lewis, Anna, Jabez, Deborah and Harry.

John, born May 20, 1791, and known as "Major John Elliott," was prominent in public affairs for many years. He inherited something of his father's martial spirit and held various commissions in the State Militia. He was for a long time a Justice of the Peace, twice a member of the Legislature and filled various other local offices. He was noted for his good sense, sterling character, social qualities and true kindness of heart. He died February 19, 1876, at Merryall, aged nearly 85 years. Major Elliott married Marietta, daughter of Elisha and Lucina (Warner) Keeler of Pike. His wife, born June 21, 1791, died October 13, 1864. Their children, who married as follows, were: Melissa, to John F. Dodge; George Washington, first to Adaline Taylor, second to Lois Pickett; Austin died unmarried; Hiram, first to Kate Coleman, second to Mrs. Mary Willson Coleman; Joseph Edward died unmarried; Andrew Jackson, to Etna Wells; Elisha Keeler, to Hannah Ely.

Rocelana, born 1789, married William Gamble.

Mary, born July 10, 1793.

Lewis, born June 28, 1795.

Anna, born March 28, 1799.

Jabez, born November 21, 1803, married Harriet Stone.

Deborah, born June 20, 1807, married George Terry.

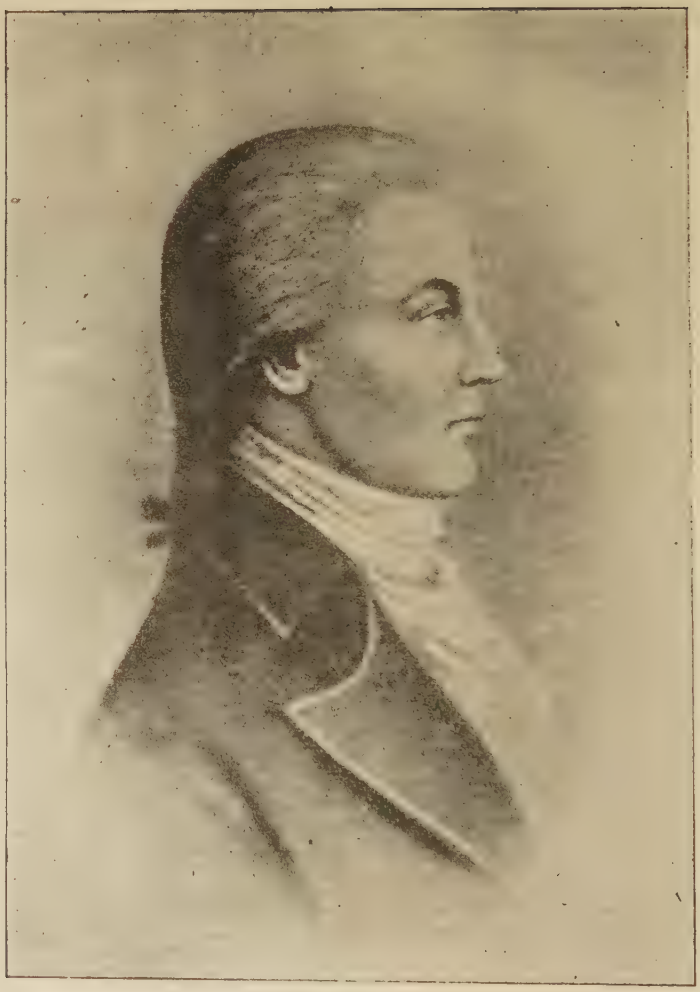
Harry, born June, 1810, married Euphemia Beeman.

Jehial Franklin, brother of Roswell, came to Wysox with him in 1784-'85. He located on the present Laning farm. The first church organization in Bradford county was formed October 3, 1791 at the house of Capt. Jehial Franklin; and of the original fourteen members four were Franklins—Jehial, E. M., Jonathan Arnold and Abigail. Benjamin, Jonathan Arnold and Solomon Franklin were all married and lived in the same neighborhood. Jehial sold his claim to his son, Solomon, who sold to Job Irish. In 1804 Mr. Franklin and his son removed to Canada.

Gore Family—Among the families, noted for their heroism and enterprise, settling in the Wyoming Valley and Bradford county, the Gores were the most distinguished. The first of the name in this country was John Gore, who came from England and settled at Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1635. A descendant was Obadiah Gore, who with his sons were among the first settlers and patriots of Wyoming. He had married Hannah, daughter of Josiah Park. The father, six sons, Asa, Daniel, George, Obadiah, Samuel, Silas, and two sons-in-law, John Murphy and Timothy Pierce, took part in the Revolutionary War. Three of the sons, Asa, George and Silas, and both sons-in-law fell at Wyoming. Mr. Gore died in 1779, and his wife in 1804 at the home of her son, Obadiah, in Sheshequin in her 84th year.

Judge Obadiah Gore, the eldest son of Obadiah and Hannah (Park) Gore, born April 7, 1744, at Norwich, Connecticut, was one of the most prominent men of his day in Wyoming. He and his father were blacksmiths and were the first persons to use anthracite coal in Luzerne county, applying it in their forges, 1772. They were among the prisoners taken by the Pennamites in 1768, and were also in the terrible troubles at Wyoming, known as the first and second Pennamite wars. In 1776 Obadiah entered the Continental Army in Col. Isaac Nichols' regiment and served six years; was commissioned First Lieutenant by John Hancock, October 11, 1776, and by John Jay, March 16, 1779. In 1784 he removed with his family from Wyoming to Queen Esther's flats (Ulster) and the following year settled permanently in Sheshequin on what is now known as the Culver farm. He was a man of decided enterprise. Soon after settling in Sheshequin, he built the first framed house and opened the first store in the township. He also built the first grist-mill (1807) and the first distillery in the town.

Judge Gore performed many important public duties. In 1781 and 1882 he was one of the members from Westmoreland to the Connecticut Assembly. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1788, '89 and '90. He was commissioned for Kingston in 1782, and in 1787



Judge Obadiah Gore.

Mrs. Lucy Gore.

with Nathan Kingsley was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the third District of Luzerne county. In 1787 he was commissioned one of the first judges for Luzerne county and served as such till 1791. The late Judge Bullock says: "Judge Gore was a man of superior mind and benevolence, in the fullest sense of the term. His name was a household word among the settlers in the back-woods for a long time, and they ever found in him a friend who would assist them from his ample stores as their necessities required." Judge Gore married, 1764, Anna

Avery. He died March 22, 1821, his wife, born December 18. 1744, died April 24, 1829. Their children were: Avery, Wealthy Ann, Hannah, Anna and Sally.

Avery, born January 10, 1765, married Lucy, daughter of Silas Gore. He succeeded to the homestead, and was for some time associated with his father, Judge Hollenback and William Buck in heavy land speculations. He took an active interest in the State Militia and was commissioned, successively, Ensign, 2nd Lieutenant, Lieutenant and Captain. The first house of public entertainment in Sheshequin was opened by his father and him as early as 1789. He was the first postmaster for Sheshequin, being appointed in 1804 and served many years. He died July 30, 1847. His wife was a kindly and most remarkable woman. She died March 23, 1866, in her 93rd year, being the last but two of the survivors of the Wyoming massacre. Up to her death she had distinct recollections of that horrible day. "More than 80 years of her life were spent in Sheshequin, and she died in the house in which she was married and ever after lived. She was noted for her generous hospitality. She made no boast or show of religious profession, but lived the highest order of religion, constantly, distinctly, practically, yet meekly, unostentatiously." The children of Avery and Lucy Gore, who married as follows, were: Calista to Samuel Kennedy Gore; Matilda to Guy Kinney; Wealthy Ann to Byron Kingsbury; Harry to Elizabeth R. Ellis; Edwin died unmarried, aged 83; Obadiah to Matilda Shaw; Ralph to Jane Eggett; Silas P. to Rebecca Spalding; Charles to Ann Eliza Ballenger; George C., first to Abigail Bull and occupied the homestead; Alfred died in childhood.

Wealthy Ann (pages 3 and 104), born August 10, 1767, married Col. John Spalding, died January 2, 1854.

Hannah, born September 18, 1769, married Elisha Durkee and settled in Cayuga county, N. Y., died April 6, 1855.

Anna, born February 8, 1772, married John Shepard of Athens, died September, 1805.

Sally, born September 22, 1774, married Isaac Cash of Ulster, died March 23, 1813.

Samuel Gore (page 10), brother of Judge Obadiah Gore, was born May 24, 1761, and removed with his father and brothers to Wyoming. In May, 1777, he joined the company of Capt. Aholiab Buck, was in the battle of Wyoming and had a thrilling escape. Following, he served as a "Minute Man" in the Valley, under Capt. John Franklin and others until the close of the war. He had been an active participant in practically all the struggles in the Wyoming Valley, where

he remained until his brother moved to Sheshequin, when he came with him. He settled the farm of now D. W. Chaffee. His life in the wilderness was one of great privations and hardships, but they were as heroically met as was the enemy in fighting for Independence. Mr. Gore was for many years a Justice of the Peace, noted as a wise and just magistrate. He became an extensive land owner, spent his last days in comfort and died May 2, 1834, lamented by all. Samuel Gore, married, 1785, Sarah Brokaw. She was born April 10, 1764, died November 17, 1845. Their children were: Samuel Kennedy, Silas, Sally M., Abraham Brokaw, Judith H. and Nellie V.

Samuel Kennedy, born December 4, 1786, married Calista, daughter of Avery Gore, died July 9, 1840. They reared a large family.

Silas married Catherine, daughter of William Elliott of Rome, died April 29, 1856. They also had a large family of children, four of the sons, Samuel, John, Silas and Hollis, being soldiers in the Civil War.

Sally M., born July 26, 1791, married Elijah Townsend of Rome and had a large family.

Abraham Brokaw, born August 6, 1794, married Sally, daughter of Alexander Kennedy, died September 5, 1840. She, born May 18, 1794, died December 15, 1875. Their children, who married as follows, were: Harriet N. to William J. Lent; Fannie W. to William E. Bull; Abraham; Comfort C.; Polly to Horace B. Chaffee; Lucy Ann to Bowen Chaffee.

Judith H., born June 17, 1796, married Elias Minier, died September 20, 1863.

Nellie V., born April 19, 1799, married Hiram Merrill of Litchfield, died August 24, 1857.

Arnold Franklin came from Wyoming to Sheshequin, 1784, locating on the present Joseph Towner farm. He was a son of Jonathan Franklin, who with six brothers, all having large families, had settled in Wyoming. Seven of the Franklins, including Jonathan, fell at the Wyoming battle. Young Arnold was also in the battle, but escaped. He was afterwards twice captured by the Indians, the first time held three months, and latterly three years before effecting his escape. Subsequently he lived in the family of his uncle, Roswell Franklin. After moving to Sheshequin he married Abigail, daughter of Isaac Foster of Sugar Creek. In 1790 his family consisted of three males and one female. Mr. Franklin sold his claim to Richard Horton and removed to Palmyra, N. Y. Here his wife died. He married a second time, finally came to Smithfield to live with his son,

Rev. William Franklin, where he died February 20, 1839, aged 74 years. Rev. William Franklin also died at Smithfield, 1834, while serving as pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Jacob Grantier (Granteer, Granadier), a native of the province of Lorraine, Germany, came to America about two years before the Revolutionary War, locating in Schoharie county, N.Y. Here he joined Morgan's famous riflemen and served until the close of the struggle for Independence. Immediately preceding or during the war he married a Miss Tabor, a German lady. Having sold his property in Schoharie, in 1784-'85, he floated down the Susquehanna to Towanda. He selected a farm, 300 acres, on the South side of Towanda Creek, which he occupied and improved until 1801, when he sold to Reuben Hale and moved up Towanda Creek, purchasing the land on the present site of Canton village. He built a log house, where the Baptist church now stands, and constructed a saw mill on Mill Creek. He afterwards, about 1805, fell through this mill and was killed. His wife survived him some years. Both lie in the old Canton burial grounds. Their children were: John, David, Jacob, Betsy, Lena and Hannah.

John married Catharine, daughter of Daniel Heverly, the Overton pioneer. Their children were: Betsy (Mrs. Philander Case), Horinda (Mrs. Samuel Conklin), Catharine (Mrs. William Wilcox), Nancy (Mrs. Jesse Conklin), Henry and Katie (never married). He married for his second wife, "Widow Wilcox" (Mary Moore), by whom he had two sons, John and Jacob.

David married first Elizabeth Warren, second Rhoda Killburn.

Jacob married Hannah Heverly, sister of his brother John's wife. Their children were: Eli, Electa (Mrs. Ozias Killburn) and others dying in childhood. His second wife was Miss Betsy Landon.

Betsy married Samuel Rockwell of Canton.

Mary ("Polly") married Elias, brother of Samuel Rockwell.

Lena married a Mr. Blackwell of Jersey Shore.

Hannah married Iram Wilson of Canton.

Thomas Wigton, a native of Ireland, was one of the original proprietors of Springfield (Wyalusing), and one of the first settlers, either before or immediately after the Revolutionary War. He was one of the earliest school teachers and engaged in various enterprises. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Justus Gaylord, Sr. They had three sons and three daughters. Two of the sons were William and Thomas W. Daniel Brown married one of the daughters and John Ogden another. In 1829 the Wigtons sold to Charles and Joseph Homet and removed to other parts.

Newell Family.—John Newell came from the East with his family to Lower Sheshequin, 1784--'85. He purchased lot No. 11 in Claverack, Connecticut title, a part of which he sold to Joseph Salisbury, the balance being held by his son, Abel. Mr. Newell and his wife, Hannah, were early members of the first church organization, formed at Wysox. In 1790 his family consisted of six males and four females. His eldest children were: Abel, Josiah, John and Polly. In 1799 Mr. Newell and his sons, except Abel, who remained in Sheshequin, removed to the headwaters of Lycoming Creek, across the county line.

Polly married Samuel Rutty of Sugar Creek and moved to Canton township.

Josiah married, 1793, Lydia Ogden and had the following children: John, Josiah, William, Jared, Joseph, Margaret (Mrs. Joseph Gruver), Millie (Mrs. Crandle) and Lydia (Mrs. John Rouse).

Abel Newell remained upon the homestead, where he died April 9, 1837, aged 78 years. He married Sally, daughter of Ethan Wilcox, who had a son killed at the battle of Wyoming. She died April 6, 1831, aged 74 years. Their children were: Stephen, Hezekiah, Hannah, Elisha, Samuel, Roba, Lucy and Benjamin.

Stephen married Catherine Cole, inherited the homestead, which he occupied until his death, 1885. Their children were: David, Sally (Mrs. William Skinner), Catherine (Mrs. Joseph Keegan), William, Sylvia (Mrs. George Frink), George, Mary (Mrs. Ransom Horton) and Elisha J.

Hezekiah married Sally, daughter of Henry Tuttle of Wysox. Children: Henry, Abel, Beecher, Lyman, Warren, Mary (Mrs. Reuben Bennett), Abbie (Mrs. William A. Pierce).

Elisha married Anna, daughter of John Post, removed West and died at Hale, Iowa.

Samuel married and settled in Potter county, Pa.

Hannah married David Horton, reared a large family, died in 1875, aged 81 years.

Roba married Peter Barnard, died in Sheshequin.

Lucy married Elisha Forbes, died in Sheshequin.

Benjamin lived and died in Sheshequin.

Ezra Rutty of German descent, who had served as an ensign (1778) in Capt. Ichabod Ward's company, 3rd Regiment, Dutchess county (N. Y.) Militia came from Pawling's precinct, Dutchess county, to North Towanda, 1785, being the first permanent settler on Sugar Creek. He and his eldest son had secured title to 500 acres, Connecticut lands. A few friendly Indians were still in the neighbor-

hood when Mr. Rutty came. Soon after locating he started a nursery, and many of the old orchards in the neighborhood were taken from it. Mr. Rutty was a man of industry and enterprise. While he succeeded well he endured many privations. The first summer provisions were short. He would work until becoming faint from exhaustion, then go to the house and drink sparingly of their supply of milk and only food. He shared generously with his neighbors the fruits of his toil; died highly esteemed, 1812, upon the farm he had improved. Mr. Rutty married Mary Simons, and their children were: Samuel, Martha, Rebecca, Anna, Sarah, Esther, Mary, Deborah, Orrilla and Ezra. Mrs. Rutty died in 1817 and lies beside her husband in Riverside cemetery.

Samuel married Polly, daughter of John and Hannah Newell of Sheshequin and moved to Canton township. His children, who married as follows, were: Willard died unmarried; Ezra Wright to Minerva Loomis; Simon went West; Nelson to Mary Turner; Harrison to Margaret Neal; Jackson died unmarried; Polly to Mr. Bloom; Lucy to Daniel Loper; Rachel died unmarried; Clara to Joseph Keys; Roxy first to Richard Horton, second to Thomas Farrer.

Martha married Ozias Bingham, a Revolutionary soldier, of North Towanda.

Rebecca married Martin Stratton of North Towanda.

Anna married a Mr. Smith of Watertown, N. Y.

Esther married Eleazer Allis of Orwell.

Mary married Orr Scovell, who removed from Canton to Indiana.

Orrilla married Garner Carpenter of North Towanda.

Sarah and *Deborah* were provided for in Mr. Rutty's will and were living, 1805.

Ezra married Polly Bloom of Burlington and succeeded to the homestead. He was one of the foremost farmers in the county, raised wheat in large quantities and took it by ark-loads down the river to market. Generous, his doors were always open, and his house a favorite resort for raftsmen. The poor and distressed were never turned away, and Mr Rutty will ever be remembered for his true kindness of heart. He died June 12, 1855, aged 74 years, and his wife, May 25, 1824, aged 38 years. Their children, who married as follows, were: Weltha to Henry Strope; Anna first to John Gillion, second to Nathan Coon; Lois to Roderick Granger; David first to Margaret Granger, second to Emeline Granger; Polly to Stephen Vroman; Betsy to George Taylor; Patience to Dr. Edward Mills; Ezra to Ellen Wilson.

Adrial Simons, who had one right in the Susquehanna's township of Ulster, came on from Connecticut in 1785 and occupied his

claim. He had served in the Revolutionary War from 1777 to '80, and was taken prisoner in one of the battles fought in the vicinity of New York. For a long time he was confined in one of the prison ships in Long Island Sound, where he suffered untold hardships from confinement, hunger, cold and filth. In 1781 he married Sarah Bingham (sister of Chester and Ozias) of Windham, Conn. She and three children, Rebecca, Polly and John, died of fever in the Summer of 1803. Mr. Simons is described as "a fine old gentleman, hard working, frugal and kind to the poor." He reared a large family. The census of 1790, giving besides himself and wife, four sons and three daughters. Other children were subsequently born. "Septer," who died November 20, 1798, aged 15 years, has the oldest marked grave in the Ulster cemetery. Of the children remembered, were: Adrial, Elijah, Anson, Bingham, George and Jeduthan. Jeduthan married a Miss Mayhew and died in Ulster, the others removed West. Adrial, Jr. married Patty Merritt of Tioga county, N. Y., and settled near Cincinnati, Ohio, 1817. The Revolutionary father and patriot died October 12, 1829, at Ulster, aged 72 years, 8 months and 10 days. His wife died July 27, 1803, aged 43 years.

Smith Family—In 1785, Jonas Smith and his son, Nathan, of Connecticut took up 200 acres of land in what is now North Towanda, "bounded by the river and Sugar Creek, and known in the sub-division of Claverack as Numbers 69 and 70." Mr Smith had married Mercy Buxton. Their children were: Jesse, Lydia, (Rev.) Nathan, Enos, John, Sarah, Joseph and Charles. The father died about 1800, and is probably buried in the old cemetery on the Bishop Horton place. His widow afterwards married William Coolbaugh. She died August 9, 1822, aged 78 years, and is buried at Hornbrook. Of the children, Sarah married Isaac Horton; John was frozen to death while hunting. His children were: Mercy (Mrs. Samuel Landrus), Fanny (first Mrs. William Lane, second Mrs. John Gustin), Elizabeth, Phœbe, Isaac and John. The widow, Phœbe Smith, subsequently married Lemuel Landrus.

Jesse Smith, son of Jonas and Mercy Smith, born November 25, 1766, married Jane Miller. He settled on the line between Wysox and Sheshequin, cleared and improved a farm, where he died December 23, 1843. His wife, born September 21, 1766, died March 15, 1844. Their children were: Sarah, John M., James, Rachel, Jonas, Polly, Betsy, William, Jesse, Jane and Anna.

Sarah, born April 21, 1787, married Lemuel Streeter and removed to Illinois.

John M., born December 24, 1788, married Rachel, daughter of Benjamin Brink. Located at Hornbrook, where he died July 14, 1864. His wife, born March 23, 1791, died March 7, 1872. Their children, who married as follows, were: Benjamin to Eliza McGill; Isaac to Permilla Horton; John B. to Lucinda Horton; Calvin to Catherine Myers; Curtis to Betsy Gardner; George to Matilda Chaffee; Guy to Lucinda Horton; Elizabeth to Richard C. Horton; Electa to George Heath; Harry to Abigail Chaffee; Miller to Jane Rundell; Jay died unmarried; Charles to Melissa Allen; Mary Ann first to Hiram Bowman, second to Henry Vann; Clark and Rachel died in early childhood.

Rachel, born December 21, 1792, married Daniel Brink and removed to Illinois.

Jonas, born October 3, 1794, spent the last years of his life in Williamsport, Pa.

Polly, born September 29, 1796, married Ebenezer P. Clark, died August 19, 1867.

Betsy, born December 26, 1798, married Alanson Lovelace, died January 8, 1866.

William, born January 29, 1805, married Jane Blauvelt; was accidentally killed by the bursting of a gun at Waverly, N. Y.

Jesse, born March 31, 1807, married Anna, daughter of Joseph Lent; died August 26, 1871

Jane, born August 25, 1809, married William Foster.

Anna, born December 17, 1811, married Harry Lent and removed to Potter county, Pa.

Daniel Moore, a native of Ireland, came to America as a soldier in the British Army during the Revolutionary War. He forsook the service of King George, never to return to the mother country. In 1785 he came to Tioga Point and located on lands east of the river. About 1790 he established a ferry at the Park's place, which he operated several years. He died in Litchfield about 1830. Of his children: *Esther* married James Bidlack of Sheshequin; *Zipporah* married Richard Lent of Rome; *Polly* married a Henry Millett; *John* was a noted river pilot.

Nathaniel Hicok (Hickok, Heacock), a soldier of the Revolutionary War, came to Claverack as a settler under Connecticut title, 1785, locating on Towanda Creek. He afterwards moved to Orwell township, being one of the earliest inhabitants there. Mr Hicok, his wife, Esther, children, Joanna, Esther, Nathaniel, also a Huldah Hicok in the family, were all early and active members of the first church organization in the county, established at Wysox. He was for some time

scribe, and many of the old church minutes are in his hand-writing. While away from home, Mr. Hicok's house was destroyed by fire and everything lost. He then lived with his daughter, Joanna, who had married William Myer, and after her death (1825) went to Indiana and spent his closing days with another daughter, who had moved to that State. The son, *Nathaniel*, married Polly Ann, daughter of John and Ann (Hinman) Johnson, lived in Standing Stone some years, then removed to Canton township, where he died.

John Heath was another settler in Claverack on Towanda Creek in 1785. His farm of 250 acres and improvements, known as the George Bowman place, were purchased by Joshua Wythe, and in 1794, Heath, who was something of a hunter, removed to other parts.

William Miller, a German and said to have been an Indian trader, came to Athens, 1785, locating on the east side of the river, where he died. By the census, 1790, his family consisted of five males and four females. Two of the sons were Johnson and John. One of the daughters married Samuel Hepburn, a trader and early hotel keeper at Tioga Point; another daughter, *Margaret*, married, 1788, David Alexander, an early merchant and extensive land owner at Athens. *John* engaged in merchandising and died, 1812, at Athens, in his 33rd year. His widow afterwards married Alphonso C. Stewart, an early member of the Bradford county Bar, who was murdered in a sham duel by one Timothy Bennett at Belleville, Ill. in 1819. The other Miller boys removed West.

Other Settlers, 1785, who came to Athens with their families and remained a few years were: Christopher Hurlbut, Nathan Cary and Eldad Kellogg. Those at Wyalusing: Stephen Beckwith, William Sherman Buck and Robert Carr, all of whom had married daughters of Mrs. Lucretia York.

Foster Family—Isaac Foster, a native of Massachusetts, with two sons, Abial and Rufus, came into Claverack, 1785, as settlers under Hogaboom & Strong, being the first to follow Ezra Rutty on Sugar Creek. They received 100 acres each, but afterwards added to the original grant. The lots which they occupied lay between the river and Sugar Creek, extending beyond the latter. These pioneers found their way into North Towanda by coming down the Susquehanna in a canoe. Clearing away the forest, preparing the land for raising crops, was the business for the first few years. Abial and Rufus resided with their father until after taking wives. Mr. Foster was a mechanic and gave attention to the manufacture of spinning wheels, and

the sons more especially to the improvement of their lands. Such was the courage and perseverance of these New Englanders that the original tract was mostly cleared by them, and we may add, that the splendid character of these pioneers has been well sustained by succeeding generations. Isaac Foster was twice married. his first wife dying several years before he removed from the East. His second wife was Abigail Franklin, sister of Arnold Franklin of Sheshequin. She died June 11, 1812, and Mr. Foster, March 26, 1821, aged 84 years. He had four sons: Abial, Rufus, Abraham, William, and three daughters. *Abigail* married Arnold Franklin of Sheshequin, and another daughter a Mr. Diven of New York state. The Fosters were prominent Presbyterians, and an important factor in the first church organization in the county.

Abial Foster was a man of much enterprise. He built the first saw-mill, also the first grist-mill on Sugar Creek, and for many years was extensively engaged in milling and farming. He was one of the noted old-time hunters. In 1795 he married Miss Mary Means, sister of William Means of Towanda. He died August 10, 1841, aged 77 years, and his wife, November 3. 1855, aged 80. The children of Abial and Mary Foster. who married as follows, were: *Elizabeth* to Ephraim B. Gerould, Smithfield; *Nancy* to Abel Judson Gerould, Smithfield; *Samuel B.* died unmarried; *Dorinda* to George Manley, Canton; *Electa* to Wheelock Bingham, North Towanda; *Polly* to Elijah H. Horton, North Towanda; *Celinda* to Owen Campbell, Burlington; *William H.* to Matilda Alloway; *Jane* to George Upright and died in Illinois.

Rufus Foster devoted his life to farming. He was a good man, and for many years one of the ruling elders of the Presbyterian church. He married first Phœbe, sister of Arnold Franklin of Sheshequin. Their children, who married as follows, were: *William* died unmarried; *Rufus* to Aurilla Allis, Orwell; *Elizabeth* to Major Jared Hunt, Canton; *Alfred* to Patience Franklin, Sheshequin; *John* to Mahala Goddard, Burlington. For his second wife, Mr. Foster married Sarah Lewis and had one son, *Franklin L.*, who never married; died September 10, 1832, aged 65 years.

Abraham Foster came to North Towanda after his father. He finally settled in the West, where he died. He married Millie Strope of Wysox (evidently a daughter of John Strope, page 95), and had children: *Elisha* married Eleanor Carpenter, North Towanda; *Nancy* married Curtis Frink, North Towanda; *William* and other children, who went West with the family.

William Foster also came to North Towanda after his father and brothers, finally settled in Canton township. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Myer, Wysox. Their children were: *Harry* located at Patterson, N. J.; *Caroline* married first Frank Reveland, second Mr. Eaton, Canton; *Myer* married Miss Wright; *Betsy* married Rufus Mason; *Hiram*; *Isaac* never married; *William* engaged in business, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Joseph Spalding, who had served his country on both land and sea in the War for Independence and was one of the original proprietors of the Susquehanna Company's township of Ulster, came to Sheshequin in 1785. He was born June 7, 1745, at Plainfield, Connecticut, being a descendant in the 5th generation from Edward Spalding and distant relative of General Simon and William Witter Spalding. In 1791 he removed to Athens and settled on the West side of the Chemung, where he died August 31, 1832. He married first Eunice Shepard, who died December 6, 1790, in Sheshequin, aged 37 years and 2 months. Their children were: Wealthy, John, Howard, Jared, Rachel, Sarah.

Wealthy, born October 20, 1771, married first Benedict Satterlee, second Jonathan Ellis; died April 28, 1860, at Ypsilanti, Mich.

John, born October 22, 1773, married Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Amos Prentice; died August 11, 1852. Their children were: George, Owen, Amos P., William, Julia Ann (Mrs. Curtis Thurston), Joseph, John, Harriet (Mrs. Alpha Warren) and Jesse. Mr. Spalding filled many local positions, and in 1815 was elected the second sheriff of Bradford county.

Howard, born October 22, 1775, married Lucy Allen; died December 17, 1857. Children: Harry H., Eliza Ann (Mrs. O. P. Ballard), Laura (Mrs. Francis Smith), Adolphus, Howard, Nathaniel S., Lucy Helen (Mrs. W. H. Peck).

Jared, born October 20, 1778, married Naomi Baldwin; died November 20, 1863.

Rachel married Daniel Snell; died, 1868, aged 90 years.

Sarah married Dr. Amos Hamlin and moved to Ohio.

For his second wife, Joseph Spalding married Mrs. Anna Snell. Children: *Simon* married Eliza, daughter of Abner Murray; *Celestia* married Isaac Morley, 3rd.

Daniel Guthry (Gutry, Guthrie) came to Sugar Creek as a Connecticut settler, 1785-'86. He and his wife, Lydia, were members of the original Wysox church. They had children, Ephraim and Huldah. Guthry conveyed his claim to Abial Foster and left the county, 1792.

Robert (Roberts)– Asahel ("Sale") Robert and John Robert were settlers, Connecticut title, in Wysox, 1785-'86. Asahel sold his improvements to Moses Coolbaugh, and is said to have moved to the vicinity of Breakneck, where he died. John was still in the neighborhood, 1799. Moses Robert, a broom and basket maker, and Gilbert Robert, probably of the same family, were among those on the earliest Wysox lists.

William Nelson was also a settler, Connecticut title, in Wysox, 1785-'86. He sold his possession to Jesse Allen, who conveyed, 1790, to James Lewis and Aaron Dean, the latter selling his interest, 1791, to John Hinman.

George Murphy, son of John and Sally (Gore) Murphy, was born September 30, 1778. His father, a native of Ireland, was killed at the battle of Wyoming. At the age of seven years (1785) he came to Sheshequin to live with his uncle, Judge Gore. Upon the establishment of a mail route through the wilderness from the WyomingValley to the Lake country, he had the honor of being the first postboy on the route and made the trips on horseback once a week. In 1803 he married Lydia Wallace and took up a farm in the wilderness. He kept up his active habits and labored in the fields and garden until he was very aged. On the 100th anniversary (1878) of his birth, several hundred people assembled at his home to do him honor. In his long life he never called a doctor, and retained his mental faculties to a remarkable degree. He died January 27, 1879. His wife, born February 2, 1784, died December 6, 1852. Their children were: *Selim W.*, born November 12, 1805, married Hannah Townsend; died November 17, 1885; *Lucy Ann*, born August 10, 1812, married John Munn of Geneseo, N. Y.; *John* and *Chester* died on the homestead; *Percilla* married Harry Lawless, Rome; *Polly* married Samuel Bailey, Sheshequin; *Ira*, born August 20, 1826, soldier of the Civil War, married Amanda Shores; died September 15, 1910.

Chester Bingham, who was an extensive speculator in lands under Connecticut title, came to Ulster, 1786, locating on the G. H. Vandyke farm. He was reputed wealthy, but by the failure of the Connecticut claim, lost everything. In 1790, his family consisted of himself, wife, four sons and three daughters. In 1803, during an epidemic of fever, his wife and sons, Joseph, aged 20, and Chester, aged 13, died. Another son, *Augustus*, married Sarah Bardwell. Of the daughters, *Jerusha* married Josiah Tuttle and lived in Sheshequin; *Sarah* married Josephus Campbell of Burlington; *Millie* married Morris Wilcox, and spent her last days with her daughter, Mrs. George E. Arnout in Mon-

roe. Soon after the death of his wife, Mr Bingham returned to Connecticut. He was a brother of Ozias Bingham of North Towanda

Lockwood Smith, a native of New England, served through the Revolutionary War, and belonged to the command that conducted the Refugees from Wyoming to places of security among their friends in the East. He had removed from Connecticut to Dutchess county, N. Y., thence to Wyoming before the war. Upon the breaking out of hostilities, he took his family back to Connecticut, where his wife died. He afterwards married Deborah Buck. In 1786, Mr. Smith, with his brother-in-law, Aholiab Buck, left Connecticut, crossed the Catskill mountains, the North river and reached the Susquehanna in the vicinity of Great Bend. Here taking an Indian canoe, they paddled down the river with their families. Mr. Buck settled at what became Buckville, Mr. Smith coming on to Ulster, where he held one proprietary right, Connecticut title, covering the Havens and Snell farms. Having become permanently settled, he improved his 400-acre farm and died thereon in 1832, aged 89 years. Mr. Smith was one of the original Baptists in the county, and took a deep interest in helping organize the first church of that denomination in the "wilderness." He is buried in an unknown and unmarked grave in the Milan cemetery, which ground was donated by him. By his wife, Deborah, Mr. Smith had eight children: *Enos*, who lived and died in Smithfield; *Nancy* married William Knapp of Burlington; *William* married Leah Curry and died in Michigan; *Asahel* died in Illinois; *Deborah* married Thomas Buck of Big Flats, N. Y.; *Phoebe* married John Phelps and died in Tioga county, Pa.; *Lockwood* was a man of considerable political prominence in the county, having filled the offices of sheriff and representative, he married Sarah Kinney of Sheshequin, went to Illinois and died there; *Silas* died in young manhood.

Mr. Smith married for his third wife, Mrs. Rachel Platt of Sackett's Mills, N. Y. Their children were: *Platt*, who died in Wisconsin; *Rachael* married Burdette Wilson and died in Tioga county, Pa.; *Mary* married William Edminster and died at Spencer, N. Y.; *Abigail* married Henry Smith of Ulster, and was the last surviving member of the family, died October 1, 1890, aged 82 years; *Zeruah* married Shepard Moody and died in Oregon.

William Buck held two proprietary rights in Ulster by the allotments of 1786 and was one of the first to locate there. In 1789 he was an overseer of the poor for Ulster, and still on the assessment rolls in 1802. On March 20, 1798, he was married by Judge Gore to Miss Urana, daughter of Reuben Mitchell of Smithfield, this being the earliest

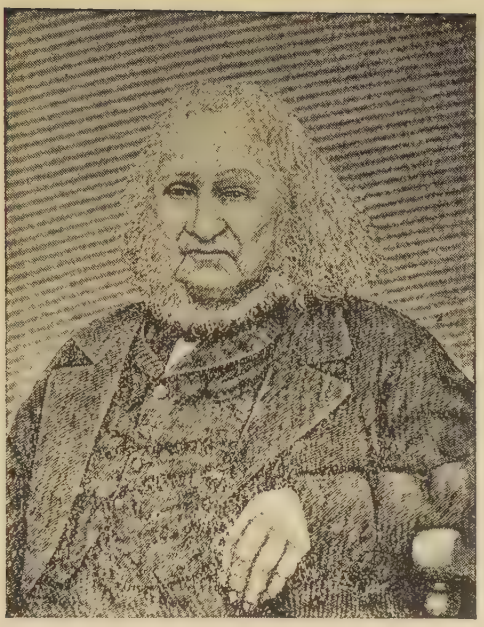
marriage within Ulster and Smithfield of which there is any record. Mr. Buck removed west.

Frederick Eiklor, a German, who had been wealthy and lost his property, followed his brother-in-law, Jesse Allen, to Wysox about 1786. In April, 1792, he supplied the trees for and set out Judge Gore's orchard (some yet bearing fruit). Whether he had a nursery in Wysox or brought the trees from Catskill, we have been unable to learn. Mr. Eiklor built and occupied a house in Towanda, where the store of M. E. Rosenfield now stands. One day while dressing flax it caught fire and burned the house. He then in 1798 joined his former neighbors, Henry Lent and Godfrey Vought, in the Rome settlement. In the year 1800 his wife died, being the first death in Rome township. The first school was taught by Mr. Eiklor, 1803, in a log school house within the present Rome borough. Mr. Eiklor had married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Baker, an Englishman. Their children were: Andrus, David, John, George, Susanna and Jennie. The Eiklor young people are remembered as "sweet singers, whose voices were always heard at the old-time parties." Mr. Eiklor and most of the family returned to Catskill.

David married Dena Huyck, resided in Standing Stone some years, removing to Huron, Ohio, where he died.

Andrus (Andrew) married, 1804, Catharine, daughter of Godfrey Vought, theirs being the second marriage in Rome. Their children were: *Sally* married Reuben Russell, Rome; *Godfrey* married Millie, daughter of Isaac Strope, Rome; *Polly* married Jerry Morris, Rome; *David* married Sally, sister of Reuben Russell, who had been the wife of Isaac Vought; *Daniel* married Weltha Rowe, Rome; *Betsy* married Henry Wilmot, Rome. Mr. Eiklor died, 1831, and his wife, 1879, in her 97th year.

Jeremiah Shaw, a native of Bristol county, Rhode Island, born February 2, 1730, came to Sheshequin with his family, 1786. He married Abigail Campbell, and in 1772 removed to the state of New York, serving his country in the struggle for Independence. Seeking better opportunities he went to Wilkes-Barre, where he remained only a few weeks, when through the persuasion of General Spalding, he decided to locate in Sheshequin. He, accordingly, secured a boat, took his family on board with such effects as he had and came up the river, requiring a journey of several days. He settled the present Kinner farm, performing the part of a true pioneer, where his life came to a close, May 29, 1815. His wife died March 19, 1811, aged 64 years. The children of Jeremiah and Abigail Shaw were: Esther, Jedediah, Hannah, Ebenezer, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Lorin, Abigail, Phœbe and Deborah.



Ebenezer Shaw, Centenarian.

Esther, married Charles Manchester of Rhode Island: died at Tarrytown, N. Y.

Jedediah married Martha, daughter and Silas Gore, killed at Wyoming, 1778; died May 15, 1800, in Sheshequin, aged 37 years.

Hannah married Hezekiah Townsend; died March 19, 1866, at Torry, N. Y., aged 100 years, 1 month and 26 days.

Ebenezer, the second centenarian in the family, soon after attaining his majority, succeeded to the homestead. For many years he was constable for Ulster, and while acting in that capacity was required to go to Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport to make his returns to court. In 1801 he married Cynthia, daughter of Eli Holcomb of Ulster. On September 5, 1871, he celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary, five generations being present to do him honor. It was his pride and boast that he voted for General Washington at his second election and at every presi-

dential election up to the time of his death. He was a Freemason 70 years and at his demise, December 17, 1871, is said to have been the oldest in the state. Mrs. Shaw died April 10, 1868, aged 85 years. Their children, who married as follows, were: Laura to Sidney S. Bailey; Harry to Polly Snyder; Uriah to Patience L. Segar; Norman to Mary Ann Marshall; Hiram to Mahala McAlpine; Matilda to Obadiah Gore; Eliasaph to Samuel Thompson; Ebenezer P. to Emeline Gladding.

Jeremiah removed to near Canandaigua, N. Y., where he married and reared a family.

Benjamin married Margaret, daughter of Stephen Powell, Ulster, and removed to Penn Yan, N. Y.

Lorin married Electa, daughter of Daniel Kellogg, lived at Milltown some years, then removed to Towanda, where he died April 26, 1857, aged 68 years, 9 months and 5 days. Mrs. Shaw died June 13, 1844, aged 52 years, 6 months and 19 days. Their children were: Philander, Celemana (Mrs. William Elwell), Cynthia (Mrs. Everett Elwell), Lawrence, Celestia (Mrs. William A. Chamberlain), William B., Maryetta (Mrs. James Lamon) and Frances (died in childhood).

Abigail married William Ball; lived near Geneva, N. Y., where she reared a family and died.

Phoebe married Samuel Bartlett, Sheshequin, removed to Michigan with her husband.

Deborah married David Eddy, Penn Yan, N. Y., where she lived, reared a family and died. Some of her descendants have become distinguished as ministers of the Gospel and in the medical profession.

William Means, the first permanent settler of Towanda borough, was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a son of Samuel Means, residing in Northumberland county at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War. Samuel Means and his oldest son were soldiers in the patriot army. The former died from wounds inflicted by the enemy; the son never returned, and is supposed to have been killed at the battle of Wyoming. The family remained in Northumberland until the mother was warned of the approach of Indians, when taking her children, one an infant six weeks old, in a canoe, and made her escape down the river. None too soon, however, for yet while in sight, the savages appeared and burned her house. The family afterwards returned, but the mother, whose maiden name was Clark, did not long survive, and the children were scattered among different families.

It is stated that "when Rudolph Fox fled with his family down the river (1778) they fell in with Samuel Means' family, and through them William Means learned of the country about Towanda. Soon

after the war he came up to examine the land, and being pleased with the country, settled here," 1786. Another says, "Mr. Means commenced life as a boatman on the Susquehanna, and in this manner became acquainted with and married Elizabeth Fox, thus determining his future residence." In early years before the lines of improvement were even projected, the river was navigated by Durham boats, which carried freight along the length of the Susquehanna. By this tedious and toilsome process, provisions and goods were brought for the convenience of the settlers. For two years or more Mr. Means was engaged in the transportation of goods for Judge Hollenback between Wilkes-Barre and Athens. After he became able to purchase a boat of his own, Mrs. Means frequently joined him in his trips and assisted in poling the loaded boat up the river.

In 1793, Mr. Means conveyed the French people and their baggage from Harrisburg to Asylum, receiving for his services over $1,000, besides an advance made him, with which he had purchased a small stock of goods in Philadelphia. The money received from the French, his merchandise and business at home, laid the foundation, with subsequent industry and economy for the large estate he accumulated. Mr. Means settled on the bank of the river directly opposite where the dam was built, and for many years kept a ferry and distillery at that place. He continued to live in his log house until 1804, when he moved into the "Red Tavern," a two-story framed building, which he had erected on ground now partly covered by the Bailey block. Mr. Means was licensed a taverner in 1797, and his inn and store (1793), the first in Towanda borough, were originally kept in his log house.

Upon the formation of the county, 1812, the Red Tavern was established as the place for holding courts, and so continued until the old court house was built and occupied, 1816. The court-room was on the second floor, and the prisoners kept in side rooms adjoining, during trial, the log jail then being at Monroeton. In 1816, Mr. Means built his commodious residence, yet standing back of the Citizens National Bank building, from which site it was removed. He owned 600 acres of land, extending to the "Fox-chase farm," also several hundred acres more at Greenwood and other points. He lumbered extensively, bought grain and shipped in ark-loads to the lower counties. He was a man of decided enterprise, and it was largely through his influence that the county-seat was located at Towanda, which for a time was called in his honor "Meansville," also "Williamston." Mr. Means was the first magistrate of Towanda, being commissioned December 20, 1800, and was generally known as "Esquire Means." In 1812, he was

appointed the first postmaster of Towanda village and served as county treasurer, 1815. One after another, Mr. Means brought his sisters, Betsy, Ellen, Jane, Polly and Nancy, to Towanda and gave them a home in his family. The life of this active man came to a close, October 3, 1829, aged 64 years.

The Means sisters married as follows: Betsy to Adam Conley, Towanda; Ellen to Mr. Diven, New York; Jane to Francis Watts, Towanda; Polly to Abial Foster, North Towanda; Nancy to Dr. Adonijah Warner, Wysox.

Elizabeth Means, or "Grandma Means" (page 32) as she was familiarly called, survived her husband many years. The story of her life is one of courage, patience and romantic interest. The following will illustrate: In 1778, her father, Rudolph Fox, took his family to Sunbury, where they remained until the close of the Revolutionary War, then moved to Wilkes-Barre, whence he and four of his children proceeded to their old home at Towanda. Reaching it, they found the buildings and stacks of grain, which they had left, in ashes. A bark covered cabin was constructed, and other preparations made for the reception of the family. When ready to return, the daughter, Elizabeth, then 13 years of age, was the only one who would consent to remain. A more heroic undertaking could scarcely be proposed—a young girl on the spot where their buildings had been burned surrounded by ferocious beasts and liable to be disturbed by savage men, consents to be the sole occupant of the premises for five days—the time supposed to be necessary for the trip. But unexpected trials awaited her. The mother was found to be too ill to be removed and a delay of two weeks was unavoidable. The shrill scream of the panther and howls of the wolf at night added horror to the girl's dreary situation in the wilderness. Both these savage beasts had been heard upon her cabin trying to gain admission. One night as she was lying upon her bed of hemlock boughs asleep, a panther unceremoniously came in through her blanket-door, took the jerked venison from over her head and then left without doing her any harm. Elizabeth kept her post 17 days, when, after eating the last of her provisions, and seeing no prospect of relief, set out to meet the family, or find a hut where she might procure some food. She had proceeded only a few miles, when she discovered the boat with her family slowly ascending the river. The father inquired, "Where are you going?" "To Wilkes-Barre to get something to eat," replied the daughter. She was taken on board, and the family reached home after an absence of five years. Such was the courage of the first pioneer child born in Bradford county. She lived a beautiful and use-

ful life. In her closing days she took great comfort in perusing the sacred pages of her Bible. So zealous was she to know the Holy Book, that she learned to read after she was 70 years of age. Her demise occurred in Towanda, July 21, 1851, aged nearly 81 years.

The children of William and Elizabeth Means were: William, John M., Samuel, Celinda, Lucinda and Eliza.

William married first Eunice Hewitt, who died, 1817, aged 22 years. They had one child, Col. John Fox Means, born October 6, 1816; died May 22, 1893. For his second wife, Mr. Means married Lydia Matthewson of Athens, and had a daughter, Celinda; he died in 1827.

John M. married Harriet Ballard of Burlington. They had sons: Samuel C. married Ellen, daughter of James H. Phinney, residing in Philadelphia, and Capt. John William, born June 27, 1833 of Towanda. Mr. Means died, 1834, and his wife, 1867.

Samuel died a young man, unmarried.

Celinda married Gurdon Hewitt, brother of Mrs. William Means, Jr.; died at Owego, N. Y.

Eliza was the first wife of Nathaniel N. Betts, and had a daughter, Eliza M.

Thomas Keeney, a native of Litchfield, Connecticut, who had first located at Wapwalopec, came to Wilmot homeseeking in 1786, and lived alone the first season in a brush cabin. The next year he brought his family, and in 1788 was arrested as one of the abductors of Timothy Pickering, taken to Wilkes-Barre and kept in confinement all summer. During his absence, a party of men tried to take his canoe and attempted to push it into the river, but Mrs. Keeney hung to the chain with such determination, even after being dragged into the water that the men gave it up and left the brave woman in possession. His daughter, Mercy, in September, 1788, married Richard Keeney, a distant relative, being Wilmot's first bride and groom. She, like her mother, was a woman of great resolution. On one occasion a party of men had driven a panther up a tree at Rocky Forest, and Mercy, although but 16 years of age, volunteered to stand under the tree and keep the panther up, while the men ran home to get their rifles with which the animal was killed. In 1812, Thomas Keeney sold to John Gamble and removed to Chemung, N. Y.

John Swift, noted hunter, daring patriot of the Revolution and a leader of "Wild Yankees" in the struggle for their rights, located at Athens, 1786. In 1789 he became one of the founders of Palmyra, N.

Y. He early enlisted in the War of 1812, was made a brigadier-general and was killed in battle on the Niagara frontier.

Thomas MaClure, a Scotch-Irishman, who had located at Wyoming and served in Capt. Simon Spalding's company during the Revolutionary War, came to Athens, 1786, settling on the east side of the Susquehanna river. He sold his claims and in 1794 removed to Catherinestown, N. Y.

Waterman Baldwin, a brother of Thomas Baldwin, "the Indian fighter," was one of the original proprietors of Athens, 1786. He had served in Washington's army and Captain Durkee's Wyoming company when a mere boy. Later he was a captain in Colonel Proctor's regiment and still in the service, 1791, when he accompanied Proctor over their old route on his mission to the Indians. He was also for some time Indian agent for the U. S. Government. In 1790 his family consisted of himself, wife and three sons. He finally settled near his brother on the Newtown battlefield, where he died, 1810, and is buried.

Other Settlers—In or before 1786, Abel Yarrington, a relative of Capt. Benjamin Clark's second wife, settled near the Ulster line on the west side of the river. In 1790 his family consisted of four males and two females. He left soon after 1796. Uriah and Phineas Stephens, probably brothers of Ira Stephens, were early comers west of the mouth of the Chemung. They removed before 1790. In 1786 Benjamin Gardner, John O'Neal and William Slocum also located at Athens. Slocum, who was one of Colonel Franklin's most devoted friends, remained some years. In 1790 his family consisted of three males and four females.

Terry Family—Parshall and Uriah Terry (cousins) were lineal descendants in the fifth generation from Richard Terry, who emigrated from England and settled in Southold, Long Island, N. Y., in 1640. From here the family seem to have scattered, some settling in Orange county, N. Y., and others in Connecticut.

Uriah Terry was born October, 1728, on Long Island. He married for his first wife, Abigail Case, and removed to Wyoming. He, with his family, was at Forty Fort at the time of the battle, after which he went to Orange county, N. Y. After the war he returned to the Wyoming Valley. Abigail, the eldest daughter of Uriah and Abigail (Case) Terry, married Jonathan Terry, her second cousin, a son of Parshall. Uriah Terry was the school-master, moralist, theologian and also the poet laureate of Terrytown, Wyalusing and all this section of country. His poem on the death of Wash-

ington carries sublimity in every stanza, and was and is well worthy of the hero whose death it commemorates. He was a man of faith and an elder in the Wyalusing Presbyterian church. In his old age, he married a second wife, by whom he had one son, Ichabod, who married Lucilla Metcalf and settled in Rush, Susquehanna county. Mr. Terry died June 29, 1804, aged 76 years, at Terrytown, where he is buried.

Parshall Terry, born August 8, 1734, near New London, Conn., and his brother, Nathaniel, were among the 117 Connecticut settlers, who came to Wyoming in 1763. Wyoming suffered from the Indian troubles, which then existed, and on the 15th of October of that year Nathaniel was shot and killed by an Indian. Parshall soon after made his way back to Connecticut, which journey he made no less than 20 times. He was also in Wyoming in 1773, and was made one of the directors for the town of Kingston, under the plan of government adopted by the Susquehanna Company. He, with his family, including Jonathan Terry and wife, and Uriah Terry and family, were inmates of famed Forty Fort, the night after the Indian battle and massacre at Wyoming, July 3, 1778. He afterwards with other fugitives made his way over the mountains to the Delaware river. Leaving his family at Stroudsburg, he went East to obtain assistance to remove them to a place of safety. Here his wife died and was buried. On his return, he took his children, one an infant, to Sugar Loaf, near Newburg, N. Y., where he remained until the close of the war, when he returned to his farm in Wyoming, afterwards removing to Terrytown. He was a tailor by occupation, and could make a coat in a day and often did it for a dollar. About the year 1794, he built a small grist-mill on the Major Terry place, the first in the town. He was an enterprising, go-ahead man of genial temper, a devout Christian and elder in the Presbyterian church. He died May 15, 1811, in his 77th year. He had children: Parshall, Jonathan, Joshua, Nathaniel, Nathan, Deliverance, Deborah, Remittance and Lydia.

Jonathan Terry was born June 13, 1758. The greater part of his early life was spent in the Wyoming Valley, where he gave his heart and hand to the cause of liberty. In 1786 he removed to Wyalusing, and the next year (1787) built a house at Terrytown and moved into it, thus becoming the founder of the village and the first permanent settler in what is now Terry township. He purchased a tract of 600 acres, which he occupied during life and has since been in the Terry family, now the home of descendants of the fifth generation. In 1806 he constructed his mansion in the woods, yet in an excellent state of preserv-

ation. A few years after Mr. Terry had settled at Terrytown, there came also his father, Parshall Terry, father-in-law, Uriah Terry, brothers, Joshua, Nathaniel and Nathan, and sisters with their husbands: Deliverance, wife of Israel Parshall; Deborah, wife of Major John Horton; Remittance, wife of Lebbeus Garner, and Lydia (unmarried). The three brothers, and Mr. Parshall and family soon left Terrytown, going to Palmyra, N. Y. Garner and family removed to Canada and Major Horton remained in the place. Jonathan Terry was a brave and typical pioneer. He was a man of genial nature and social qualities of a high order. He filled various offices of trust and responsibility, and was for nine years a Justice of the Peace. In the latter capacity, he was gifted with a remarkable happy faculty of persuading litigants to settle their difficulties amicably. In 1778, he married Abigail Terry. He died, 1833, aged 75 years. His wife, born March 22, 1757, died July 8, 1849. Their children were: Jonathan, Abigail, William, Nathaniel, Mary, Uriah, Nathan, Ebenezer, Hiram, George, Deborah.

Jonathan, born February 23, 1779, married Polly Crawford, had a family of 17 children, moved to Michigan, where he died June 13, 1868.

Abigail, born July 2, 1781, married Edmund Dodge, had two children who died young; she died September 7, 1809, at Terrytown.

William, born October 26, 1783, married Nancy Sherman; died September 3, 1860, at Terrytown. Children: Abigail, Uriah, Nelson, Susan, Emily, Jane, Lydia, Zilpha, William, Nancy, Mary, and one dying in infancy.

Nathaniel, born October 2, 1785, married Sarah Franklin; died December 16, 1862, at Terrytown. Children: Miner, Hiram (died young), Matilda, Rebecca, Maria, Elizabeth, Mary Ann and Lucretia.

Mary, born December 5, 1787, married Eben Horton; died March 26, 1873, in Terry. Children: Jason P., Nathaniel, Hiram, Ebenezer, Adell, Eunice, Julia, Jane and Lydia Ann.

Uriah, born October 24, 1789, the first child born in Terrytown, never married; died August 22, 1823.

Nathan, born October 9, 1791, married Belinda Preston, and had children: Preston, Davis D., Uriah and Deborah; moved to Michigan, where he died.

Ebenezer, born, January 9, 1794, married Susan Sherman, sister of William's wife, and had children: George, Ann, Rebecca, Hiram, Deborah, Warren, Mehitable and Uriah; removed to Illinois, where he died.

Hiram, born January 17, 1796; died October 5, 1805.

George, born March 11, 1798, married first Deborah Elliott, and had one child, Abigail; second marriage to Abi Gray, one child, Jonathan; third marriage to Martha Knott, two children, Eben G. and Nathan W. Mr. Terry died September 25, 1878, at Terrytown.

Deborah, born June 11, 1801, married first Gilbert Chamberlain; second Thomas Ingham; died July 8, 1859, without issue.

Thomas Lewis, a native of New London, Connecticut, born April 11, 1745, was a zealous patriot of the Revolution. He served under General Montgomery in the Canadian expedition, and later at the battle of Danbury, caught General Wooster, as he was falling, shot, from his horse. He married, May 20, 1768, Mary Turrell of New Milford, Connecticut. Having purchased a Connecticut claim, he emigrated to Wyalusing with his family, 1787, and the following year located at Merryall, where he continued to reside until the time of his death, February, 1810. "Moving into his log cabin in a wild, dreary wilderness, four miles from a neighbor on the one side and forty on the other, the prospect was dreary enough, but Mr. Lewis persevered and helped others to come in and settle around him." Mrs. Lewis is remembered as a superior woman. She encountered the trials, privations and dangers of pioneer life without a murmur or complaint. She impressed her character upon her household, and faithfully trained her children in the knowledge of the Scriptures. She died January 23, 1813, aged 55 years. The children of Thomas and Mary Lewis were: Sarah, Deborah, Jeremiah, John, James, Amy, Justus and Ebenezer.

Sarah, born March 3, 1769, married January 17, 1787, Amasa Wells of Pike; died October 18, 1823.

Deborah, born November 17, 1770, married October 18, 1787, Joseph Elliott; died at Merryall.

Jeremiah, born February 11, 1776, married Esther Gardner; died May 8, 1825.

John, born June 20, 1780, married, May 21, 1801, Huldah Maine; died September 5, 1857.

James, born December 5, 1782, married, September, 1807, Anna Rowley; died May 30, 1866.

Amy, born June 20, 1785, married, December 10, 1812, Benjamin Ackley, Wyalusing.

Justus, born August 24, 1787, in Wyalusing, married, December 3, 1812, Polly, daughter of Elisha Keeler of Pike. He was an early and successful teacher, and for twenty-five years actively engaged in temperance and anti-slavery reforms. He was a man of decided force

of character, noted for his good works and useful life. He died May 10, 1874, at Merryall. His wife, born November 23, 1793, died April 20, 1857. Their children, who married as follows, were: Milton, November 26, 1835, to Angeline Ackley; Elisha, September 7, 1841, to Philena Stevens; Augustus, October 19, 1847, to Sarah I. Stone; Clinton, November 28, 1854, to Mary Shafer; Burton, April 5, 1865, to Elizabeth Barker; Adelia, September 4, 1849, to Rev. Darwin Cook; Eliza C., March 29, 1865, to Joseph Miles Brown; Mary, October 18, 1860, to Rev. Edward Kennedy.

Ebenezer, born July 31, 1791, married, January 15, 1814, Julia Hines; died July, 1857. His wife, born May 3, 1793; died March 16, 1847. Their children, who married as follows, were: Edwin, to Polly B. Lathrop; Theresa, never married; Mary Ann, to Rufus D. Cleveland; Nancy, to Wilmot Coburn; Jackson, to Harriet E. Paine; Betsy, to H. B. VanGilder; Sarah, to Henry Verbryck.

Gideon Baldwin, who had been an early settler in Hanover, Luzerne county, and intrusted with several important offices, came to Wyalusing and occupied his Connecticut claim, 1787. In 1794 he sold to Humphrey Brown and removed to Wysox, where he died. He had a son, Gideon, who lived at Browntown, and his wife spent her last days with this son. Justus Lewis recites the following: "The mother of Gideon Baldwin was a pious old lady, a Methodist, and her house the home of the minister. She had the habit of falling asleep as soon as the meeting began. When she roused up at the close of the exercise, the question would generally be asked her by some wag, 'Well, Mother Baldwin, how did you like the sermon?' Her invariable answ would be, 'I never heard such an awakening sermon in my life'."

Stephen Strickland was born, 1763, in Connecticut, his ancestors being among the first settlers of Glastonbury. About 1787 he came to Monroe, settling on the Cole place. Here he married Nancy, daughter of Elisha Wilcox (page 111), and continued to reside until about 1798, removing to Wysox, having purchased a part of the "Franklin plains." While on a visit, 1800, to his native town, he received an injury on his head, and taking cold, inflammation of the brain supervened and he died before reaching home. Owing to some trouble about the title, Mr. Strickland's brother, Jacob, came to the farm and occupied it, his widow and family removing to Canton township. When Stephen, Jr. attained his majority, he purchased the interest of the other heirs and instituted suit for the recovery of the property, in which he was finally successful. Mrs. Strickland, who was a very successful business woman, went to Ohio with one of her daughters and

died, 1841, in Franklin county, aged 73 years. The children of Stephen and Nancy Strickland were: Stephen, Amos, Johanna, Nancy, Rhoda and Polly.

Amos married Emily ——— and removed to Iowa.

Johanna married Mr. Bagley of Canton.

Nancy married Thomas B. Miles of Canton.

Rhoda married Dr. Sylvester Streeter of Canton.

Polly married Snow Reynolds of Canton and removed to Ohio.

Stephen, born January 1, 1791, married, March 16, 1818, Mary DeWitt of Burlington; died April 12, 1874. She, born December 16, 1793, died February 27, 1860. Their children, who married as follows, were: Celestia I. January 29, 1839, to Edwin B. Coolbaugh; Stephen, February 16, 1859, to Caroline Holmes; Morgan D., August 23, 1849, to Lucinda J. Watts; Mary Ann, May 11, 1852, to Job P. Kirby; Lucinda, October 21, 1856, to John Holmes.

John Shepard was born April 17, 1765, at Plainfield, Connecticut, and educated in the academy at that place, which was under the direction of Nathan Daboll, the celebrated arithmetician and astronomer. In 1784, Mr. Shepard accompanied his uncle, Gen. Simon Spalding to Sheshequin, and soon after engaged as clerk for Weiss and Hollenback in the Indian country at Newtown. After some experimental trading on his own account in the lake country, he returned to Tioga Point and clerked in Hollenback's store, 1787. He twice saved Matthias Hollenback's life, when threatened by a wily redskin. In 1788 he purchased the mills of Prince Bryant on Cayuta Creek, subsequently known as Shepard's Mills. He soon became prosperous, as these were the only mills of any capacity in the valley, and also made large land purchases and improvements. He kept a public house, and had a store and distillery. For many years he was a Justice of the Peace, and will be remembered as one of the most prominent and active pioneers of the county.

Mr. Shepard married, June 3, 1790, Anna, daughter of Judge Obadiah Gore of Sheshequin. Their chidren were: *Prentice*, died young; *Isaac*, lived and died near his birthplace; *Miami*, married Jesse Floyd of Long Island; *Amanda*, married Charles Hopkins, Athens; *Julia Ann*, the author of "Early Times on the Susquehanna," married George A. Perkins, Athens; *Job*, married Abigail Ellsworth and lived at Milltown; *Phoebe*, married John Hepburn, Athens.

Mrs. Shepard died, 1805, and May 18, 1811, Mr. Shepard married his second wife, Miss Deborah Hawkins of Long Island. Their children were: *Ruth*, married Dr. A. H. Woodworth; *Letty*, died unmar-

ried; *John* and *Joseph*, both removed to California; *Mary*, married Silas Fordham, Athens. Mr. Shepard, after a life of great activity, enterprise and usefulness, died May 15, 1837, aged 73 years.

John Neeley of Northumberland county purchased a tract of land at Greenwood (Powell), and in 1787 came on and made the necessary preparations for the removal of his family. Undertaking to swim a horse across the river at the mouth of Towanda Creek, he was drowned in Bowman's Eddy. His widow, who afterwards married Reese Stevens, came up and occupied the farm. A daughter, Rebecca Neeley, married Harmon Schrader of Monroe.

Thomas Park, the first permanent settler of Litchfield, was born, 1749, in Connecticut, a son of Josiah Park of English descent. The family were early settlers at Wyoming. Thomas was an active patriot. He joined Captain Spalding's company, and was in Sullivan's campaign against the Indians. In the spring of 1781, he was severely wounded in an encounter with the Indians, who were making a raid upon the settlers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wolcott, a daughter, says: "In the early summer, 1781, during the convalescence of father, he married Abigail, daughter of Abraham Nesbit, an early settler of Wyoming. In the contest for land titles, father was most unfortunate, being a settler under Connecticut title. He even suffered imprisonment for no other crime. While thus confined, his family suffered most inhuman treatment at the hands of the Pennamites. Neighbors, who had been on most friendly terms came, and with taunts and jeers told my mother she must leave or they would burn the house over her head. 'That if they wished her to leave they must send some one clothed with authority to enforce their threats; she could not stand in awe of neigbors, with whom she had always been friendly.' But her words were unheeded. She was stripped of everything they could appropriate to their own use. Even a yoke of cattle father had paid for with money received for services during the war, were butchered and distributed among the Pennamites, for which he never received a farthing recompense. Motner has often asserted, 'That she suffered more, was more distressed during the Pennamite excitement, than in all those previous years of the Revolution.' These persecutions were in fact some of the moving causes of my parents leaving Wyoming and moving into the wilderness. Even if they suffered privations, they would have freedom, which would compensate for all the privations and hardships they would be called upon to endure. When importuned to apply for a pension as other soldiers of the Revolution were doing, father would invariably

reply, 'We are in the enjoyment of all I ever fought for—the priceless boon of liberty—our country is free.'

"In 1788 my parents, with their young children and my aged Grandfather Park, moved up the North branch of the Susquehanna and settled upon its eastern banks in what is now the township of Litchfield. At first, he had to procure his supplies at or near Wilkes-Barre, first earning the means wherewith to purchase them, either by the manufacture and sale of canoes, or perhaps a few weeks' labor in the settlements of Wyoming and Wilkes-Barre, would give him sufficient means to make his purchases, which had to be carried in a canoe up the river a distance of over 100 miles. When he had provided a sufficient amount in advance of our wants, he would make improvements upon the homestead in clearing and tilling the soil. Having cleared a piece of ground, he would prepare the same with spade and hoe, plant it with corn and potatoes, and as the season advanced, would plant and sow in like manner any seed adapted to the season. He finally secured the use of a team, in exchange for his labor, until his prosperity admitted of his having a team of his own.

"The first few years were a bitter struggle—we were often obliged to go without bread, dependent at times almost wholly upon fish, and wild greens that could be gathered from the forests for sustenance—my mother frequently going five or six miles to gather cowslips and similar growths of vegetation for greens, to help supply and sustain the family. One summer, in consequence of a scarcity of provisions everywhere, we were obliged to live on green buckwheat, boiled with wild game, for a number of days. In his old age, father was persuaded to apply for a pension, which was granted him and after his death continued to mother. Thomas Park died in 1819, aged 70 years, and was buried in the cemetery that his aged father had cleared at the state line." He was an uncle of Judge Gore of Sheshequin. Mrs. Park died, 1843. The children of Thomas and Abigail Park were: Daniel, Mary, Elizabeth, Susannah, Samuel, James, Thomas, Joseph and Amos.

Daniel married, 1806, Miss Martha Saunders, by whom he had eleven children; his second wife was Nancy Ellis, who bore him three children; he died September 21, 1842, in Litchfield, aged 60 years.

Mary, "the heroine of Litchfield," married, 1805, John Moore (page 134), and had two sons and a daughter; died February, 1843, in Litchfield, aged 59 years.

Elizabeth married, 1802, Elijah Wolcott; children, six sons and six daughters; died January 26, 1873, in Litchfield, aged 85 years.

Susannah married, 1807, John R. Wolcott, brother of Elijah, and had one son; died, 1808, at Ithaca, N. Y., aged 20 years.

Samuel married Margaret Wolcott, sister of Elijah and John, and had four sons and one daughter; died, 1823, in Litchfield, aged 32 years.

James, the first white child born in Litchfield, married first Miss Margaret McKinney and had one son; married second, Sibyl Franklin, and had three children; married third, Anna Bronson, and had two sons and a daughter; died, 1857, in Litchfield, aged 64 years.

Thomas married his brother Samuel's widow, and had three daughters and one son; died, 1861, in Litchfield, aged 66 years.

Joseph married Miss Mary Stewart, and had four sons; died, 1862, in Litchfield, aged 65 years.

Dr. Amos P. married Miss Arlette Griffin, and had two daughters; died August 28, 1837, in Sheshequin, in his 33rd year.

Satterlee Family—Benedict Satterlee, originally of Groton, Connecticut, was one of the forty original settlers at Kingston, and is supposed to have been killed in some of the Yankee-Pennamite contests prior to the massacre, leaving a wife, one daughter and five sons. The mother fleeing with her children (Elizabeth, Elisha, Benedict, Elias, Nathaniel and Samuel) after the battle of Wyoming, perished in the wilderness of fatigue. Elizabeth married Elisha Matthewson and died at Athens. Benedict was long a school teacher at Athens, commencing as early as 1791; he was also the first constable for Tioga (1789) and served as such several years; he married Welthy, daughter of Joseph Spalding, moved to Mt. Morris, N. Y., and died there, January 8, 1813. Elias studied medicine and practiced his profession with great success at Elmira, N. Y., until his death, November 11, 1815, by an accidental discharge of a gun. Nathaniel and Samuel settled in Smithfield. The latter was an officer in the War of 1812, and a member of the Legislature from Lycoming county.

Elisha Satterlee, born May 12, 1760, served his country seven years in the struggle for Independence. September 17, 1776, he enlisted as a private in Capt. Samuel Ransom's company, attached to Col. John Durgee's regiment of the Connecticut line, and served until June 6, 1783. He was with Washington at Valley Forge in the memorable winter of 1777-78, and in Sullivan's expedition against the Indians, 1779. In the Connecticut controversy, he was next in prominence to Colonel Franklin. Elisha Satterlee was a very large man, "so stout, indeed, that he had a special chair." January 11, 1787, he married Cynthia, sister of Ira Stephens, and in 1788 settled at Athens.

He died August 25, 1826, and his wife, May 9, 1848, aged 79 years. They had three children: *Lemira*, married first Harry S. Spalding; second, William Myer, Wysox. *Aurelia*, married Robert Spalding. *John Franklin*, a prominent and influential citizen, was long actively engaged in the material progress of the county and Athens, where he died February 11, 1856, aged 68 years. He married, first, Julia, daughter of Dr. Amos Prentice, and had children: Orrin D., Elisha, Anna P. (Mrs Horace Kinney), Cynthia L. (Mrs. Edward Ovenshire), Julia P. (Mrs. George Stevens); second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah Marshall, Sheshequin, by whom children were: Sarah (Mrs. James Lemon), John F., Elizabeth (Mrs. John A. Thomson), Lucy (died unmarried), Marion B. (Mrs. William R. Schuyler).

Elisha Matthewson was a son of Winchester Matthewson, a native of Rhode Island, who exchanged valuable property in that state for Connecticut rights, and emigrated to the Wyoming Valley, where he died, 1778, before the battle, leaving three sons, Elisha, Constant and Nero, all then in the service of their country. Nero perished in the massacre at Wyoming Constant was killed in the battle at Mud Fort. Elisha served through the war in Captain Spalding's company, receiving in 1783 an honorable discharge for 6½ years' service over the hand of Washington. He was one of the original proprietors of Athens, drew several lots, and in 1788 settled there permanently. Soon after coming to Athens, he was elected major of Militia, and in 1789 appointed an overseer of the poor for Tioga township. In 1795 he was licensed a taverner and kept a public house until the time of his death. He married, 1791, Elizabeth, daughter of Benediet Satterlee. "Major Matthewson," as he was known, died April 11, 1805, aged 48 years, and his wife, one of the last survivors of the "Wyoming Massacre, December 14, 1851, aged 91 years. Their children were: Constant, Elias S., Cynthia, Fanny, Clarissa, Lydia and Elizabeth.

Constant married, 1821, Cynthia, daughter of Moses Park; member of the Legislature, 1827-28; died July 19, 1863, aged 71 years; son, Park.

Elias S. married Harriet, daughter of Ira Stephens; lived and died in Athens. Children: William H., George S., Constant, Elizabeth (Mrs. Washburn), Harriet (Mrs. Delano), Emily (Mrs. Tozer), Lydia (Mrs. Buck).

Cynthia married Lebbeus Hammond.

Fanny married a Mr White.

Clarissa married John McDuffee, Athens.

Lydia married William Means, Towanda.

Elizabeth married Benjamin McKean, Columbia.

Ira Stephens, son of Jedediah Stephens, was born July 24, 1760, at Stonington, Conn. He early removed with his father to Wyoming. In 1776 he enlisted in Captain Durkee's (afterwards Spalding's) company, and served until the close of the war. He was in the Sullivan expedition, at Valley Forge, the battle of Germantown and other notable engagements of the Revolution. His discharge, signed by General Washington, is carefully preserved by his descendants. In 1788, Mr Stephens removed to Athens, being one of the original proprietors of the town and having had several lots assigned him. His father accompanied him to Athens and died, 1790, aged 87, being one of the first persons buried in the old grave-yard. Ira Stephens was one of the proprietors of the Old Academy, an original member and first Junior Warden (1798) of Rural Amity Lodge, F. & A. M., supervisor, 1793, constable, 1796, and overseer of the poor, 1798. While at Angelica, N. Y., September 19, 1803, looking after his investments, he was killed by a desperado. He was buried at Angelica, with Masonic honors. Mr. Stephens had married, 1784, Sibyl, daughter of Capt. Samuel Ransom, slain at the battle of Wyoming. She was born February 1, 1764, at Canterbury, Conn.; died April 30, 1826, at Athens. Mrs. Stephens was a very remarkable woman. When her youngest child, Cynthia, was only 4 months old, the last payment on the New York lands became due. The brave widow went on horseback with the baby in her arms to Angelica, driving with the help of a boy, a herd of young cattle to complete the purchase. With wonderful tact, she managed affairs and reared her large family. Their children were: Chester, Polly, Esther, Lydia, Samuel Ransom, Laura, George P., Harriet, Ira H. and Cynthia.

Chester, born March 12, 1785, married Lucinda Grant; died, 1874. He was prominent in business and social affairs of Athens, and an authority on the men and events of early times. He had two daughters, Clara and Caroline, and a son, W. G. Stephens.

Polly, born November 3, 1786, married Reuben Swift, and died at an advanced age at Palmyra, N. Y.

Harriet, born September 10, 1799, married Elias S. Matthewson; died in Athens at an advanced age.

Ira H., who married Anna Eliza, daughter of Joseph Kingsbury, Sheshequin, was the 10th sheriff of Bradford county. For a number of years he kept hotels at North Rome and Towanda, serving as burgess of the latter place, 1843. He died February 1, 1862, at North Towanda, aged 59 years, 2 months and 29 days. Children: Burton and George (both died in California), Ira E., Frank, Mahlon C. and Anna (died in childhood).

Dodge Family—The Dodges are of English descent and came very early to Massachusetts and Connecticut. Jonathan Dodge, son of David Britain and Rebecca Yeomans Dodge, was born August 3, 1721; married, November 7, 1744, Marcy Williams of New London, Conn. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, having enlisted August 20, 1777, in the company commanded by Captain Asa Prince in the regiment of Col. Danforth Keyes and served until January 3, 1778. The children of Jonathan and Marcy WilliamsDodge were: Oliver, Jonathan, Mary, Marcy, Daniel, Abigail, Anna and Sarah. *Jonathan*, born September 20, 1747, married Mary Warner; died September 29, 1794. *Mary*, born September 20, 1749, married, June 12, 1769, Samuel Gilbert, and died January 7, 1833, in Asylum; *Daniel*, born July 19, 1757, married Lucy Latimer; died September 14, 1807. *Abigail*, born August 18, 1759, married Benjamin Green. *Anna*, born September 14, 1761, married Nathan Latimer; died June 10, 1798. *Sarah*, born June 3, 1764, married James Morgan and was the mother of Judge Harry Morgan of Wysox.

Oliver Dodge was born September 2, 1745, at Colchester, Conn. He was a Revolutionary soldier and of a family of patriots, being one of five of that name who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. In 1785 he removed from New London, Conn., to Wyalusing, where he remained until 1788, when he moved to Terrytown, settling on a 600-acre tract, known for more than a century as the "Dodge farm." He moved into a dilapidated log house (probably built by the Budds, 1774), which before winter was supplanted by a comfortable log dwelling in which he lived until his death. He was a man of prominence and activity in the early history of the county. From his rank in the old militia, he was generally known as "Major Dodge." He died January 31, 1802, and is buried in the Dodgetown cemetery on the farm he settled. Mr. Dodge married first, Sarah Williams of New London, Conn., March 19, 1767; she died May 1, 1773, leaving two children: *Hannah*, born October 31, 1769; *Sarah*, born December 8, 1772. For his second wife, Mr. Dodge married, November 1, 1773, Abigail, daughter of Jonathan and Rachel Ottis Harris of Colchester, Conn. Abigail Harris, born December 22, 1748, "was an energetic, thoroughgoing woman of unusual business capabilities. Her husband was the owner of a number of rights under Connecticut title, and his death having occurred just prior to the 17 townships being confirmed, left the task of securing the land title upon her. In the management of the estate, she exhibited great prudence and foresight, the business of which frequently compelled her to go to Wilkes-Barre, a distance of 65

miles, always on horse-back and frequently alone. In 1806, while making one of these trips it became very dark. In passing a school house, she found the teacher and children crying, thinking the world was coming to an end. She pacified them by explaining that the darkness was only an eclipse of the sun and would soon pass away." She died July 16, 1837, at Terrytown. The children of Oliver and Abigail Dodge were: Hannah, Oliver Williams, Alpheus, Edmund, Sarah, Abigail, Lynds, Jonathan, Daniel, Alfred.

Hannah, born July 25, 1774, married, 1791, Humphrey Brown, Wyalusing.

Oliver Williams, born October 3, 1775, married first, Elizabeth Latimer and had children: (1) Lyman married Samantha Preston; (2) Abigail married first, John T. Preston, second, Aaron Ely; (3) Lina married William Deemer; (4) Lucy married Francis X. Homet; (5) Oliver W. married Angeline Preston; (6) Daniel married Elizabeth Preston; (7) Nathan married Margaret Shiner. For his second wife, Mr. Dodge married Mary Wythe, widow of Daniel Gilbert. In 1826 he moved to Franklin township, where he died February 1, 1845.

Alpheus, born October 2, 1776, grew to manhood and left Terrytown.

Edmund, born December 22, 1777, married first, Abigail Terry, by whom he had children, Oliver and Nancy. He married second, March 7, 1810, Rebecca, daughter, of John and Susanna Franklin, and had children as follows: (1) Alpheus, born June 4, 1811, died September 3, 1821. (2) Abigail, born April 18, 1813, died, unmarried, September 13, 1890. (3) John Franklin, born December 24, 1814, married, January 4, 1842, Melissa, daughter of John Elliott, died October 14, 1871. (4) Susannah, born October 16, 1816, married, March 7, 1835, Elias Vaughan, Jr., died May 12, 1880. (5) Sally, born January 16, 1819, married, April 6, 1848, Francis Viall, died April, 1896. (6) Mary, born November 9, 1820, married, February 25, 1840, Enos Chapman, died November 18, 1871. (7) Lynds B., born December 24, 1822, died February 22, 1825. (8) Betsy, born June 5, 1825, married, June 8, 1847, E. Nelson Keeler, died November 30, 1887. Edmund Dodge died November 11, 1861, at Terrytown.

Sarah, born January 10, 1779, married a Mr. Pinkerton.

Abigail, born October 30, 1781, married Alexander d'Autremont.

Lynds, born March 12, 1783, grew to manhood and left Terrytown.

Jonathan, born October 13, 1785, married October 8, 1808, Margaret Atherton.

Daniel, born May 13, 1787, married, February 5, 1809, Mahitable Bennett.

Alfred, born November 12, 1790, grew to manhood and left Terrytown.

Richard and Joshua Keeney, brothers and single young men, came from Connecticut in the Spring of 1788, settling in Wilmot. A few months after arriving, Richard married Marcy, daughter of Thomas Keeney (page 145). Joshua returned to Connecticut, married, 1790, Miss Phebe Sturdevant, and brought back to the settlement with him his aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Keeney, and brother, Thomas. His parents both died on the Gamble place, the mother, July 7, 1804, and the father, October following. Joshua located in Wyoming county, Richard and Thomas remaining in Wilmot some years.

Scovell (Scoville) Brothers, James, Silas and Orr, sons of Elisha Scovell (a native of Connecticut, settled at Exter, Luzerne county, Pa.) in quest of homes, arrived at Towanda, 1788, and purchased lots in Claverack under Connecticut title. James and Silas secured a possession from a man named Smith, who "farmed a little and preached a little," as necessity required or occasion afforded. Silas built and occupied probably the first framed house in Towanda township. James returned to Luzerne county, and Silas kept "bachelor's hall" until 1796, when he married. Orr purchased and settled on the Scott farm. He married Mary, daughter of Ezra Rutty, early removed to Canton and finally to Indiana, where he died.

Silas Scovell, born March 18, 1763, married, June 4, 1796, Abigail Harris of Luzerne county. He employed his time most diligently in the improvement of his farm and in earning a few dollars as opportunity would permit. He generally drove three ox-teams, making trips with them to the Lake country, taking mill-stones and bringing back salt, which then sold for $13 per barrel. There was very little money in circulation and this was, indeed, hard to get. A cow was worth $8 and a horse $50. Mr. Scovell's house was ever the home of the Connecticut emigrants, sometimes for weeks together, while exploring the country to settle. At his death, June 28, 1824, Mr. Scovell left a valuable estate. His wife, born March 1, 1774, died February 28, 1855. Their children were: Phoebe, Peter H., Harry, Calista, Caroline, Silas, Joseph J. and Abigail.

Phoebe, born March 9, 1799, married Nathan Stevens of Pike.

Peter Harris, born February 26, 1801, married Olive Ackley, Tuscarora, and occupied a portion of the homestead.

Harry, born February 13, 1803, married first, Sarah Courtwright, Exter, Pa., and after her death, Elizabeth Titus, Smithfield; succeeded to the homestead, where he died September 19, 1894.

Calista, born November 24, 1804, died, unmarried, May 28, 1825.

Caroline, born September 27, 1806, married H. S. Frazier, Wyalusing.

Silas, born October 14, 1808, married Maria Dill, occupied a portion of the homestead and died thereon, October 18, 1852.

Joseph Jenkins, born November 4, 1810, married Harriet Taylor, occupied a part of the homestead, where he died, June 15, 1889.

Abigail, born February 14, 1817, married E. Reuben DeLong, North Towanda, died December 23, 1894.

Daniel McDuffee, born February 18, 1752, of Scotch parentage, in County Antrim, Ireland, after his marriage to Dorothy Ladley came to America, locating at first in Bucks county, Pa. He was the intimate and intrusted friend of Col. Arthur Erwin, and came, 1788, to Athens as tenant and agent for that gentleman, who held many Pennsylvania warrants. Colonel Erwin, who was a distinguished officer of the Revolution, while sitting in the house of Mr. McDuffee, June 9, 1791, was shot and killed by a dastardly villian, supposed to be an ejected squatter. Mr. McDuffee became an extensive owner of Erwin lands, which he improved, and still in part owned and occupied by his descendants. He is described as "a tall and sprightly man, who played well on the flute and was also an expert weaver." He died July 6, 1831, and his wife, January 28, 1845, aged 88 years. The children of Daniel and Dorothy McDuffee were: Anna (Mrs. Francis Tyler), Daniel, Hugh, Samuel, Joseph, Ferdinand, Neil, Rebecca (Mrs. Horatio McGeorge), John, Mary (Mrs. Jeremiah Decker) and Charles.

Guy Maxwell, born in Ireland, 1770, came to Athens, 1788, as clerk and manager of Judge Hollenback's store, continuing some years. In 1791, when only 21 years of age, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Tioga, probably being the youngest man ever filling that office in the county. He was granted a license as a taverner, 1791, and in 1792 a license was granted him and Samuel Hepburn jointly. He won the friendship and admiration of the Indians, acted as clerk and interpreter at some of their Councils and was finally adopted together with others of his family as members of the Senecas and Tuscaroras. While residing at Athens, he married, 1789, Nellie, daughter of William Wynkoop of Chemung. A son, Thomas, born 1790, became a noted citizen of Elmira and was elected to congress. In 1796, Mr. Maxwell removed to Newtown, where he engaged in business on his own account.

Samuel Hepburn, in or before 1788, came to Athens from Milton, Pa., with a small stock of goods and kept a trading establishment. In 1790, he was also licensed a taverner. He married, after locating in Athens, a daughter of William Miller. In 1796, Mr. Hepburn removed to Elmira but finally returned to Milton, where he died. His widow married Samuel Erwin, son of Col. Arthur Erwin.

David Alexander, who had served as a Frontier Ranger during the Revolutionary war, came to Athens in or before 1788 and for many years was one of the active and enterprising men of the town. He was merchant, distiller, inn keeper and the owner of several village lots. He married Margaret, daughter of William Miller, and had children: Hugh, Edith, William, Margaret, Matthew, Samuel, John, David, Cyrus and Arospo, all born at Athens. About 1810, Mr. Alexander went West with his family, settling at Shiloh, Ill. He was killed by lightning in 1822, at the age of 62 years.

William Witter Spalding was born Nov. 18, 1767, at Plainfield, Conn. He was a son of Oliver and Mary (Witter) Spalding, and a descendant in the sixth generation from Edward Spalding. His father was a soldier in the old French war and also the war of the Revolution. In 1788, Mr. Spalding joined the Sheshequin settlement, and the following year married Rebecca, daughter of General Spalding. He took an active part in the affairs incident to the new settlement. In 1792, he was appointed the first constable for Sheshequin, an office he held for several years. He was the crowning athlete of the neighborhood, as the following will illustrate: "In 1790, the Six Nations went on a treaty mission to Philadelphia. On their return they stopped at General Spalding's and challenged the Whites for a foot-race. The challenge was accepted and William Witter Spalding selected as the champion of the settlers and won the race. This gave umbrage to the Indians, and then Spalding challenged them to run a mile, but it was refused and peace was maintained with much difficulty, the Indians drawing their knives for fighting." Mr. Spalding spent his last days with his son, Col. Robert Spalding in Wysox, where he died October 16, 1845. The children of William Witter and Rebecca Spalding were: Robert, Morris, Anna, Maria, John Adams, Erastus, Harriet B., Ruth Ann, Alexander Hamilton, Jane Rebecca.

Colonel Robert, born July 1, 1790, married Aurelia, daughter of Elisha Satterlee (page 154), died October 6, 1853, in Wysox. He became widely known as one of the most prominent business men of the county. He was a colonel in the State Militia, active in religious work and a philanthropist. His wife, born August 9, 1793, died Sep-

tember 17, 1869. Their children, who married as follows, were: Cynthia S., born March 22, 1815, married Francis A. Tyler, died 1886; Alexander Hanson, born August 27, 1816, married Clara F. Ovenshire, was the 17th sheriff of the county, died March 19, 1882; Chester Pierce, born October 12, 1818, married Mary Smith, died March 26, 1896; Rebecca, born September 27, 1820, married Silas P. Gore, died December 11, 1895; Lemira K., born September 13, 1822, married Morris J. Coolbaugh, died in Kansas; Major Israel P., born June 22, 1825, married Ruth E. Cooley, died July 28, 1863, from the effects of wounds received at Gettysburg; Aurelia, born February 11, 1827, married Jerre M. Collins, died August 23, 1892; Mary P., born December 17, 1834, married Hon. Chauncey S. Russell, died Nov. 15, 1903; Helen M., born December 17, 1834, married William Elwell, Jr., died April 17, 1887.

Morris, born March 24, 1792, married Carassa Cash, was county commissioner from 1834 to '36, removed West and died May 5, 1865, at Tiskilwa, Ill.

Anna, born June 3, 1794, married Henry Smith of Avoca, N. Y.

Maria, born October 4, 1796, married William Briggs of Athens.

John Adams, born September 7, 1799, died in Maryland, April 7, 1847.

Erastus, born October 17, 1802, removed to Tiskilwa, Ill.

Harriet B., born May 20, 1804, married Cyrus M. Johnson and lived in Chicago, Ill.

Ruth Ann, born May 8, 1806, married Henry Marcy.

Alexander H., born December 5, 1809, married Jane Gardner, died 1839 in Athens.

Jane Rebecca was born March 3, 1813.

Obadiah Brown, a native of New Jersey, who had served in the Revolutionary War and a tanner by occupation, located in Upper Sheshequin in or before 1789, where he remained a number of years. In 1790, his family consisted of four males and three females. His daughter, Rebecca, married John Minier of Ulster; one of the sons was Obadiah, Jr., who had a son, Obadiah. Mr. Brown spent his last days in Columbia township, where he died in 1836.

Ralph Martin, who had served in the Northampton county Militia during the Revolutionary War, came to Wysox, 1789. He settled the present Conklin farm, which he cleared up. He was a man of considerable prominence, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. He was one of the leaders of the Federal party, a captain in the State Militia and one of the first members of the original Wysox

church. Captain Martin, as he was known, married Anna Shoemaker, and had children: Eleanor, Peggy, Elizabeth, Susannah, Daniel, John and Benjamin. For his second wife, Captain Martin married the widow of Daniel Kellogg. He died February 1, 1836, in Wysox, at an advanced age. Of his children:

Eleanor married Robert Ridgway, Wysox.

Peggy (Margaret) married Josiah W. Grant, Orwell.

Elizabeth married Hiram Mix, Wysox.

Susannah married Mr. Cross of Wysox.

Daniel married Rhoda, daughter of Richard Vaughn, Wyalusing.

John married Harriet J.——.

Benjamin died December 4, 1815, aged 34 years, leaving a wife and four children, Ralph, William, Nelson and Minerva.

Peter Snyder, who was of German descent, came from Lafayette, Sussex county, N. J., to Sheshequin, 1789. He purchased several hundred acres of land, settling in the upper part of the valley. Here, in conjunction with farming, he operated a tanyard, made saddles and harnesses and conducted a shoe shop at the same time. He accumulated a considerable fortune. Mr. Snyder married first a Miss Larrison, by whom he had three children, Jacob, Mary and Maria. For his second wife, he married Mrs. Mary Young, who had two children by her former marriage—Thomas and Mary. The children of Peter and Mary Snyder were: William, Peter, Elizabeth, Katherine, Nancy, John and Benjamin Pitney. Mr. Snyder died January 14, 1822, aged nearly 78 years, and his wife, June 7, 1847, aged almost 94 years.

Jacob removed to Wayne county, N. Y., where he died unmarried.

Mary married and removed West, where she died.

William learned his father's trade and subsequently bought out his business. He also opened a hotel, and "Snyder's" became a place of note, a considerable village springing up around him. He married Hannah, daughter of John Parks, Rome. He died October 12, 1860, in his 78th year, and his wife, June 19, 1881, aged nearly 90 years. Their children, who married as follows, were: Polly, to Harry Shaw; Sally, to Nathaniel Moody; Julia, to Charles Forbes; Wright, to Delila Catlin; Mianda, to George Northrup; Emeline, to Loren D. Tyrrell; Eliza, to Frank VanNorstran; William, to Laura M. Elsbree; John P., to Sarah Prentiss.

Elizabeth married a Mr. Wheeler, removed to Wayne county, N. Y., reared a large family and died there.

Katherine married first Abraham Wandall, second John Chandler, Sheshequin.

Nancy died unmarried, 1868, aged 76 years.

John married Eve Royce; died in Litchfield. His son, Orrin D., was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville.

Benjamin Pitney married for his first wife, Polly M. Harris. He died in Athens township, where he was an extensive farmer.

Maria and *Peter* died young.

Coolbaugh Family—William Coolbaugh (of German descent and originally Coolbrook), said to have been a sea captain, with his wife, Sarah Johnson, settled in Hunterdon county, N. J. He served as a private during the Revolutionary War in Capt. Samuel Growendyck's company of New Jersey State Troops. From Hunterdon he removed to Monroe county, Pa., and later to Bucks county. He was the father of ten children: Moses, Cornelius, John, William, Peter, Hannah, Benjamin, Sarah, Rachel and Nancy.

Moses Coolbaugh, who was born in Monroe county and served different enlistments in the Northampton county Militia during the Revolutionary War, came to Wysox, 1789, with his family, which he brought up the river in a Durham boat. He at first occupied the Roswell Franklin house, opposite Towanda, then, 1791, purchased the improvement of Asahel Roberts (now the Jesse Coolbaugh farm) and moved thereto where he continued to reside until the time of his death. Mr. Coolbaugh was one of the most prominent men of his time in Upper Luzerne county. In 1793 he was commissioned a Justice of the Peace and in 1806 elected to the State Legislature. He subsequently served as a magistrate, was one of the charter members of the first church organization in Wysox and filled the offices of deacon and scribe. His death occurred February 22, 1814, aged 62 years. His wife was Hannah Shoemaker, who died November 13, 1828, in her 73rd year. Their children were: William, Samuel, Cornelius, Daniel, Alice, Sarah and Eleanor.

William married Hannah, daughter of John and Anna (Hinman) Johnson of Wysox and settled in Macedonia, where he died May 30, 1856, aged 79 years, 4 months and 27 days. His wife died September 29, 1859, aged 79 years and 3 months. Their children, who married as follows, were: Moses, to Sally Hickok; Harry, to Polly Bailey; John, to Elizabeth Sherman; Betsy, to Amos Hulbert; Sally, to Jonathan Stevens; Polly, to Lloyd Ackley; Ellen, to Joseph Sill.

Samuel, born December 25, 1790, married, December 24, 1815, Nancy Ogden of Wyalusing, born January 25, 1798. He was a man of

much energy and enterprise, operating two saw mills on Wysox Creek, a grist mill, merchandising, farming and rafting at the same time. He accumulated a fine fortune and died November 19, 1874; his wife died May 9, 1884. Their children were: (1) Edwin B., born March 24, 1813, married Celestia Strickland; died March 31, 1877. (2) Eustis A., born November 5, 1819, married first Harriet York, second Sophronia York, occupied the homestead, where he died June 8, 1904. (3) Cynthia M., born November 15, 1821, married Jesse Allen. (4) Maurice J., born September 24, 1823, married Lemira K. Spalding, was county commissioner from 1876 to '79, removed to Kansas, where he died. (5) Hannah R., born September 30, 1825, married Lyman Morgan; died March 3, 1854. (6) Anna, born December 26, 1830, married William Lewis, Wysox. (7) Charles B., born January 7, 1840, married Sarah Bartlett; died January 29, 1863, in the service of his country. (8) Alice died at the age of 16 years, and two others in early childhood.

Cornelius, born September 25, 1792, occupied a portion of the homestead. He married first Jemima Wilcox of Albany. Children: Daniel M., born April 25, 1815, married Ellen, daughter of Dr. Elisha Whitney, removed to Illinois, 1844, thence to Minnesota, and died July 16, 1876, at Minneapolis; Ransom W., born September 27, 1819, married Anna, daughter of Daniel Martin, settled and died in Pike township; Eunice died in childhood. For his second wife, Mr. Coolbaugh married Anna Larrison of Tioga county. Children: Jemima, born July 8, 1823, married Job P. Kirby, died July 15, 1850; Herman C., born June 25, 1825, married Elizabeth Lewis of Pike, died April 27, 1911, at Hamburg, Iowa; Theodore died in childhood; Elizabeth died, 1853, unmarried, aged 23; Amelia, born January 11, 1833, married first Dr. George Morgan, second B. I. Ridgway, died August 14, 1909. Mr. Coolbaugh married for his third wife, Mrs. Hannah Bingham, Towanda. He died August 20, 1860.

Daniel occupied the homestead. He built, 1828–'29, the brick residence occupied by his son, Jesse R. Here for a time he kept hotel and was postmaster. He also operated a distillery. In the 40's he became a strong advocate of temperance. Going to the still house, he knocked in the heads of the casks containing liquor, which he spilled upon the ground. Ever after he was a faithful champion of the temperance cause. On his farm brick were made for his residence and the Wysox brick church. He married first Anna, daughter of Richard Vaughn, no children resulting. His second wife was Lucy K. Rogers of Whitney's Point, N. Y. Children: Lyman R. of Elmira, N. Y., and

Jesse R., Wysox. Mr. Coolbaugh died March, 1860, aged 73 years, and his wife, Lucy, January 17, 1892, aged 78 years.

Alice ("Elsey") married first Nathaniel Moger and second Burr Ridgway.

Sarah, born December 25, 1790, married Shepard Pierce, was the mother of 13 children and died in Wysox, September, 1850.

Eleanor married William Allen of Wysox.

William Coolbaugh, who had married Susanna Shoemaker, came to Wysox at about the same time as his brother, Moses. He subsequently moved to Yates county, N. Y. His daughters, Sally and Elizabeth, married, respectively, David Allen and Norman Wells.

Benjamin Coolbaugh, born December 10, 1767, married Jerusha, daughter of Absalom Runyan, who was a wagon-master in the New Jersey Militia during the Revolutionary War. He came to the county some years after his brothers, Moses and William, settling in Macedonia, where he died February 13, 1815. His wife, born March 16, 1777, died October 27, 1855. Their children were: William, Absalom, Moses, Johnson R., Lovina, Sally Ann and Rachel.

William, born February 10, 1799, married Margaret, daughter of David Vought. Their children, who married as follows, were: Ellen, to Harry G. Goff; Jerusha, to J. M. Bowman; Benjamin F., to Caroline Miller; Absalom Runyan, to Emily DeLong, killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Johnson R., to Susan H. Dana; Mary M., to Capt. Daniel W. Gore; Alice B., to John Dunfee; William O., to Sarah McAlpin.

Absalom married Catherine, daughter of John Bull of Wysox. Children: Jefferson L., Adelbert M., George W., Moses M. and Mary L. (Mrs. M. E. Rosenfield)

Moses married Nancy Brewster, had a large family and removed to Byron, Illinois, about 1847.

Johnson R. married Malita Maynard of Rome.

Lovina married a Mr. McAlpin.

Sally Ann married David Owen, Wysox.

Rachel married Richard Bennett, Wysox.

Peter Coolbaugh followed his brothers to Wysox, where he lived for a few years, then returned to Luzerne county. He had children: Benjamin, William, Aaron, Eli, Mary and Lovina.

Benjamin removed to Monroeton and engaged in the mercantile business. He married first Louisa Alden, second Jennett Ridgway. Marvin, Monroe and Edwin B. were children by his former marriage.

Rachel Coolbaugh, sister of Moses, William, Benjamin and Peter, married Christopher Cowell, and with her husband early joined the Macedonia settlement, where she reared a family and died September 20, 1841, in her 77th year. None of the other children of William and Sarah (Johnson) Coolbaugh lived in Bradford county. Cornelius married Sarah Everett of New Hope, Bucks county; John married Susanna VanCampen, was an associate judge of Wayne county 22 years, and one of the leading men of his section; Hannah married first a Mr. Tanner, second Silas Barton, died at New Britain, Bucks county; Sarah married Aaron Morris and died in Philadelphia; Nancy married a Mr. Barton of Monmouth, N. J.

The Cranmer Family in this country are supposed to be descendants of the martyr Cranmer, who was burned alive for his religious belief in the reign of Queen Mary of England, and to have come to America at about the time of the Pilgrim Fathers, 1620.

Noadiah Cranmer, born August 26, 1736, was a patriot, and as a soldier participated in nearly all the battles fought in New Jersey during the Revolutionary War. In 1791, he followed his son, Samuel, to Monroe, Bradford county, where he died February 14, 1829, in his 93rd year. He married Catherine ———, who died November 2, 1793, aged 57 years They had sons: John, Stephen and Samuel.

John Cranmer was a wagon-master in the Revolutionary War. In 1791 he joined the settlement of his brother, Samuel, in Monroe, where he died May 10, 1810, aged 51 years. He married Katura ———, who died May 23, 1853, aged 93 years. Their children were: *Sally*, who married John E. Kent of Smithfield; *Daniel*; *Calvin*, who married Miss Almira, daughter of Coonrod Hartman, and settled in Smithfield; *Luther* went West; *Beckie* married a Mr. Dalton of Wysox; *Catharine* married Harvey Havens of Springfield; *Neoma* married first Mark Lyon, second Frederick Schrader.

Stephen Cranmer, born October 6, 1756, came from New Jersey to Monroe with his brother, John, 1791. He was a cripple and weaver by occupation. He died January 29, 1792. His wife, Nancy, died January 24, 1792, aged 26 years. They left three sons: Abraham, Dyer and Stephen.

Stephen, born August 25, 1791, became one of the heroic pioneers of Rome. He is remembered as a man of great integrity of purpose, a strong mind to do whatever he conceived to be right, a liberal supporter of any enterprise looking to the upbuilding of the good of society and the establishment of the same upon a religious basis. Mr. Cran-

mer married Miss Polly, daughter of Godfrey Vought of Rome. He died April 10, 1845, and his wife, March 27, 1868, aged 74 years and 8 months. Their children, who married as follows, were: Nancy E., to William Maynard; Amanda E., to Lemuel Maynard; Louisa M., first to David M. Wattles, second to Bela K. Adams; John M. was a soldier in both the Mexican and Civil War. Festus C., to Henrietta Spalding; Martha R., to M. Wells Warner.

Samuel Cranmer, born July 14, 1766, in New Jersey, started from his native state on horseback, unaccompanied, in the Spring of 1789, "to seek a home in the rich and unsettled country of the West." He was required to follow the foot-paths across the mountains, reaching the county by the way of Wilkes-Barre. Drifting into what is now Monroe, he found a family by the name of Platner. Proceeding up the creek, he examined the broad and fruitful flats between Masontown and Monroe village and concluded to settle thereon. Accordingly, he returned to Platner's, made arrangements for his board and at once began clearing away the thorn trees and other timbers that grew along the creek. Having put his fallow out to corn, he returned to New Jersey. In the Fall he returned and harvested his corn, and the following Spring moved in his family. He built a log house with a puncheon floor and cob-roof. Here alone in the wilds lived Mr. Cranmer and his family, with only the Platners for their neighbors. At the mouth of the creek were the Foxes, Bowmans and Meanses, who made up the entire circle of acquaintances in the wilderness. And though his surroundings were most gloomy, and his hardships and inconveniences many, he was equal to the test of pioneer times. In 1791, his father and two brothers, with their families, joined his settlement. Mr. Cranmer was a man of great industry, endowed with a big heart and a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. He married first Hannah Miller; she, born June 6, 1768, died March 26, 1807. Their children were: Josiah, Elizabeth, Jedediah, John, Mary, Noadiah and Samuel.

Josiah, born April 2, 1788, married Electa, daughter of Jonathan Fowler, and settled in Asylum.

Elizabeth, born August 3, 1790, married John Brown, died in Cortland county, N. Y.

Jedediah, born September 9, 1795, worked at blacksmithing, died in Franklin township.

John, born January 21, 1798, married Sally Steel, settled in Towanda township and had a large family.

Mary, born April 14, 1800, died, unmarried, with her brother, Ashbel.

Noadiah, born August 22, 1802, married Caracy Gould and lived in Monroe township.

Samuel, born October 5, 1804, married Nancy Northrup and followed farming in Monroe.

Mr. Cranmer married for his second wife Miss Sarah Hubbel. He died May 17, 1845, and his wife, Sarah, born February 15, 1769, died August 22, 1854. They had two sons, Ashbel L. and Enoch H.

Ashbel L., born January 6, 1809, married Miss Mary Griggs, engaged extensively in lumbering, farming and merchandising, and was very successful in business affairs; served a number of years as Justice of the Peace, and was County Commissioner from 1845--'48. He died April 8, 1896. Children: Albert G., Bernard A., Elma (Mrs. Elias T. Park), Wayland S. and Julia (Mrs. Hiram Sweet).

Enoch H., born January 22, 1813, married Miss Pamelia Griggs, sister of Mrs. A. L. Cranmer, entered the M. E. Conference, 1838, and was for some years presiding elder of the Troy district; died October 7, 1880.

Ingham Family—Jonas Ingham, a clothier by occupation, came from England to this country prior to 1700, settling at Trenton, N. J. He had a son, Jonathan and three daughters. Jonathan married Deborah Bye and located in Bucks county, Pa., at a place known as Ingham's Springs, where he owned a farm and woolen factory. He was a rigid Quaker. A contemporary, who was well acquainted with him, said, "He did not belong to the old aristocracy, who governed Bucks county before the Revolution, but his position in life and high intelligence put him in their society." They made him a Justice of the Peace, a Judge of the Court and a member of the Assembly. He died at the age of 89 years. He had three sons and two daughters.

Jonas Ingham, youngest son of Jonathan, was born, 1746. He learned the business of clothier, and January 3, 1771, married Elizabeth Beaumont. Soon after his marriage he leased his father's fulling mill and was running it when the Revolutionary war commenced. In 1777 and '78 he was in active service as a militiaman, first as a lieutenant and then as captain. In this campaign during the months of November, December and January he suffered much from cold, lying out on the ground with no other covering than a single blanket. At the battle of Gulph Mills he was among the last to leave the grounds and came near being taken prisoner. After the war he purchased land and built a fulling mill near the Delaware river, where he lived some years and educated his children. In 1789, he came up the river to Wyalusing and bought the Connecticut title to what had been known as "Staple's

pitch," and where the Skiffs had lived prior to the battle of Wyoming. On this he settled nearly three miles from any inhabitant. Mr. Ingham was an ingenious mechanic and invented the machine for shearing cloth, which afterwards came into general use. He was an able writer and public speaker. In 1804 he was elected to the lower branch of the State Legislature from Luzerne county, and through his efforts the "Intrusion laws" and "Territorial Act," which were obnoxious to the people, were repealed. Of Mr. Ingham, Mr. Miner says: "He possessed a mind highly cultivated by scientific research, was a model of temperance, and a promoter of peace and harmony of society." He died suddenly, October 28, 1820, at Bloomsburg, N. J., while there on business. Hé had children: Joseph, Rebecca, Jonas, Sarah, Mary and John.

Joseph, the eldest son of Jonas Ingham, was born January 21, 1773. He was taught the common branches of education, including surveying and algebra by his father. He learned the trade of millwright, and about, 1793, married Pamelia Ellicott, also of Quaker lineage. In 1795 he came from Bucks county and settled on lands at the mouth of Sugar Run creek in Wilmot, which had been purchased by his father. He began the construction of a saw-mill in the Fall, 1801, and finished it the following Spring. Soon afterwards he built a grist-mill. His wife died November 17, 1824, leaving six sons, who married as follows: *Thomas*, to Eunice Horton; *Joseph*, to Anna Stone; *Josiah C.* died unmarried; *Alpheus* died at the age of 33, unmarried; *Benjamin P.*, to Lydia Miller; *John E.*, to Amanda Morgan, read medicine and practiced in Monroeton and Wysox. *Thomas* learned his father's business of millwright, running mills and farming. After the death of his parent, he purchased the homestead, rebuilt the mills and also erected a store-house and engaged in the mercantile business. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace and held that office many years. He was a man of splendid information, excellent judgment and noted for his honesty and morality. His wife was a handsome, energetic woman, possessing a lively and cheerful disposition. She died March 2, 1844, and Mr. Ingham, August 14, 1855. Their children, who married as follows, were: Anna Pamelia, to Benjamin G. Horton; Joseph Washington, distinguished as a writer, to Mary E. Taylor; Thomas Jefferson, served as Representative and Judge of Sullivan county, to Caroline A. Cheney; Deborah, to Jackson Stone; Emma A., to Dr. Volney Homet. *Alpheus* was a young man of decided ability. He fitted himself for the legal profession at the Litchfield (Conn.) law school, was admitted to the Bradford county Bar and in 1824 was appointed Regis-

ter and Recorder and afterwards County Treasurer and Prothonotary. He accepted a position in the Treasury Department at Washington under his cousin, Samuel D. Ingham, Secretary of the Treasury, remaining a couple of years, when his health completely gave way. He returned to Sugar Run, where he died. Joseph Ingham married for his second wife, Laura (Whitcomb) Vose. He died June 11, 1829. They had sons: *Samuel*, who married, second wife, Miss E. V. Vose; *Edwin*, who went West and died in California.

Rebecca married Luther Stone of Camptown.

Jonas married Sally Robinson and occupied a portion of the homestead above Camptown.

Sarah married Raphael Stone of Camptown.

Mary married Benjamin Perry.

John, born November 13, 1784, in Bucks county, came to Wyalusing, 1795, and occupied a portion of his father's estate above Camptown. He brought, 1807, the first set of carding-machines to this section from Cooperstown, N. Y. He established the first manufactory of window-sash in Northern Pennsylvania, carried on blacksmithing and making edge-tools, when the iron had to be conveyed up the river from Marietta on Durham boats, often occupying three or four weeks to a trip. He married Marinda, daughter of Edmund and Susan (Hotchkiss) Stone, and died February 1, 1863. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Rebecca*, to Aden Stevens, Pike; *Charles K.*, to Lydia P. Stevens, Pike; *Emily M.*, to Isaac Hutchinson, LeRaysville; *Sarah A.*, to Laython M. Hewitt, Wyalusing; *Harriet S.*, to Homer Camp, Camptown; *Mary P.*, to Major Cyrus Avery, Camptown; *Susan E.*, to Oliver W. Stevens, Pike.

Benjamin Crawford moved from Wyoming to Wyalusing, 1789. He located on the Jabez Chamberlain place, where he died June 27, 1804, and was buried at Terrytown. His son thus describes the funeral service: "On the day of the funeral they took the corpse over the river in a canoe to the flat below Major Dodge's house, where a couple of large maple trees were standing near together. Here they arranged for the funeral services. Uriah Terry read a sermon and Parshall Terry made a prayer, and then they buried him." He further says, "salt was our greatest necessity. It was brought from New York state and sold for $10 per barrel. I remember that once my mother bought a barrel of salt for 20 yards of cloth." In 1790 Mr. Crawford's family consisted of four males and three females. After his death the family sold the farm and removed to Genesee.

William Dalton, an Irishman by birth and an impressed seaman

in the British service, deserted and came to Wyoming before the Revolutionary war. The day before the battle, July 2, 1778, he went up the river with others on a scout, when seeing a small party of Indians, Dalton fired, wounding one of them mortally, but the wounded Indian returned the fire and wounded Dalton in the knee; he carried the ball to his grave. The Indian killed was reported to have been a son of Queen Esther, and this has been given as the reason for her fiendish cruelty to the American prisoners taken at the battle. Dalton married a girl brought up by Adonijah Stransbury. He came to Wyalusing about 1789 and settled on Wyalusing Creek at Merryall. "The old gentleman was a man of great strength and a skillful boxer, but in the wrestling matches he seldom took part, unless he thought some boasting fellow was trying to impose upon a weaker man, when a few well-dealt blows would put an end to the imposition." He and his wife both died at Merryall. They had children: *John*, who was sent to prison for the murder of Amos Hurlbut (1803) and died in Philadelphia after being pardoned, 1808. *Josiah* moved to Allegheny county, N. Y. *Betsy* married George Haverly of Auburn. *Catharine* married Mr. Shove of Rush.

Solomon Tracy, a native of Preston, Connecticut, born June 1, 1756, who had served three years in the Revolutionary war, came to Ulster, 1789, having purchased 500 acres under Connecticut title. He settled on the Mather farm, where he continued to make improvements, which he sold, 1809, and removed to Angelica, N. Y. Mr. Tracy had married Mary Wells, a native of Southold, Long Island, born March 5, 1765. She was a sister of Gen. Henry Wells of Athens. They had a family of ten children: Mehitable (Mrs. Solomon Rawson), Charlotte (Mrs. Oliver Moore), Catherine (Mrs. Zebadiah Nobles), Hila (Mrs. Jonathan Nobles), Ira, George, Leicester, Isaac, Guy and Henry W. Mr. Tracy died April 4, 1835, with his son, Ira, near Canandaigua, N. Y., and Mrs. Tracy, November 22, 1845, with her son, Henry W., in Standing Stone. Three of the sons were prominent and influential citizens of Bradford county:

George, born April 11, 1797, married Hannah M. Ridgway, died June 3, 1877. He was for many years engaged in the mercantile business in Towanda and Monroeton and was Associate Judge of the county. His children were: Dr. George P., Henry C. and Burr R.

Guy, born October 14, 1805, was a prominent merchant and business man of the county. He married Ulilla R. Hoyt and died in 1867. They had a daughter, Helen A., and sons, Charles L. and Walter G., the former being for many years president of the First National Bank of Towanda.

Henry W., born September 24, 1807, was educated at the Angelica Seminary and read law in the office of Aaron Burr. In 1827 he located at Standing Stone, and engaged extensively in merchandising and real estate. He was elected to the State Legislature, 1860–'61, to Congress in 1862, and served as Deputy Collector of the Port of Philadelphia from 1866 to '68. Mr. Tracy married first, Emma, daughter of Elisha and Sarah (Myer) Reed, second, Emma T., daughter of John C. and Jane A. (Reed) Wells. He died April 11, 1886.

Jonathan Harris, a native of Colchester, Connecticut, born June 6, 1739, came from Goshen, N. Y., to Athens, 1789. He first located at the Point, where he was an inn keeper the first year. He afterwards purchased a farm near Spanish Hill, where he died August 14, 1829. He married Lodemia, daughter of Samuel Tozer of Colchester, Conn. She was a sister of Julius Tozer, afterwards of Athens. Their children were: John, Alpheus, Russell, Squire, James, Minard, Samuel, Dorothea, Lodemia and Susan.

Alpheus, born July 17, 1765, was employed on the survey of the State line, 1786, and made Athens his home after his father settled there. He married first, Jerusha Miller, second, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Clapp of Athens. He was the father of the late Nathaniel C. Harris, for many years president of the First National Bank of Athens.

Joseph Tyler came from Orange county, N. Y., to Athens, 1789. In some difficulty growing out of the unsettled land titles, he was struck on the head by a ruffian, which impaired his reason. His wife was Jane Armstrong, and their children were: Caleb, Ephraim, Sally, Francis and Archibald.

Francis, born October 1, 1787, married Anna, daughter of Daniel McDuffee. He was a man of great industry and became one of the wealthiest and most respected citizens of Athens. He died November 13, 1871. His children, who married as follows, were: *Mary A.*, to Alonzo Long, Troy; *Eliza*, to E. Curran Herrick, Athens; *Francis A.*, to Cynthia Spalding; *Jane*, to Daniel F. Pomeroy, Troy; *Charles* died unmarried; *Hugh* read law and had an appointment in Washington, where he died unmarried.

Sarah ("Sally") married Chester P. Spalding, Sheshequin. The other children of Joseph Tyler removed from Athens.

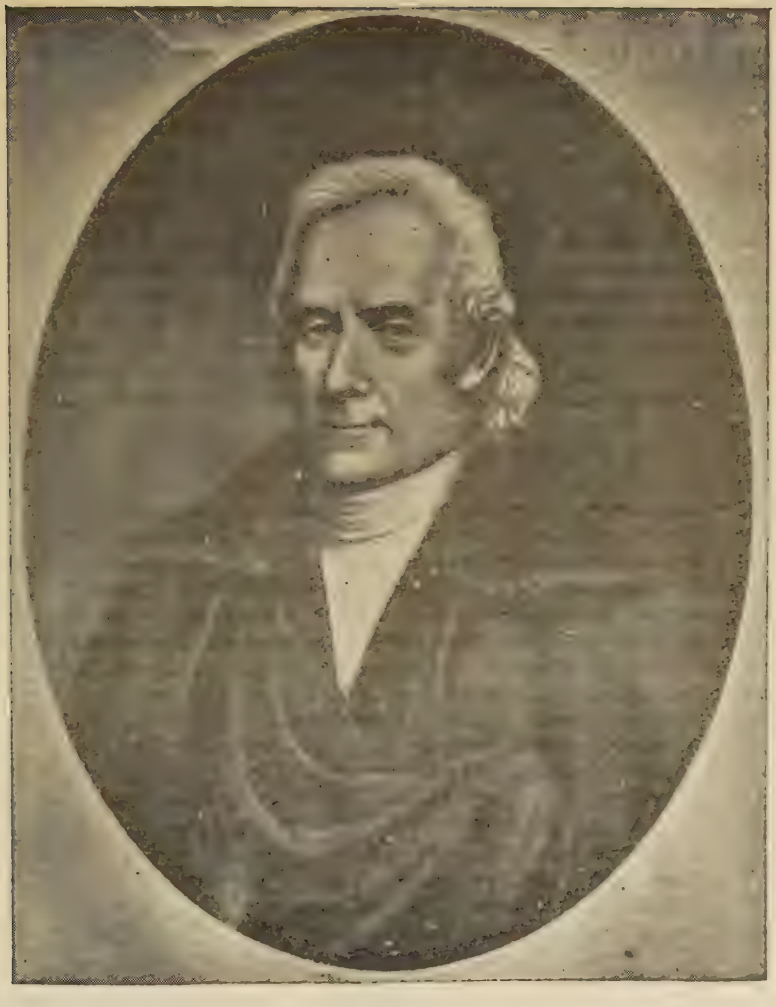
Col. John Franklin—This remarkable man was of English descent and a son of John and Keziah (Pierce) Franklin. He was the third in a family of eight children and was born September 23, 1749, at Canaan, Conn. John Franklin, the elder, was a man of considerable wealth and

influence in the town where he lived, a man of integrity, piety and virtue; a strict disciplinarian, yet commanding the love and veneration of his family. The mother is said to have been a woman of uncommon intelligence, quick of wit and of unusual vivacity and power of conversation. Colonel Franklin enjoyed only the educational advantages afforded by the public schools of his day. He married February 2, 1772, Lydia Doolittle of Canaan, and the following spring moved to Wyoming and settled at Plymouth. Here the family remained until the summer, 1776. Colonel Franklin's father had become a proprietor in the Susquehanna purchase and located his right in the township of Huntington.

Thither, John went solitary and alone in the spring of 1775, and made his "pitch" on the banks of Huntington creek. "No white man had preceded him in this vicinity; he was the first, and the unmolested choice of the virgin soil was before him and here he made his selection and dedicated his future home. His faithful dog, the only witness to this act of possession, and his rifle leaning against a tree hard by—the only battery of his defence." During this year he erected his log house, cleared and sowed some three or four acres to grain, and in the summer of 1776 moved his family into the wilderness. His nearest neighbor was at the Susquehanna river, a distance of eight miles. During the next two years he was busily engaged on his farm, attending the town meetings, where he was quick to debate and able to defend his opinions, and was soon looked upon as one of the foremost men of the valley.

When the 24th regiment of Connecticut militia was organized, he was made captain of the Salem and Huntington Company. At the battle of Wyoming, Franklin and his company were directed to report to Forty Fort immediately, but his company was so scattered that he was unable to bring them on in time to participate in the battle. Of himself, he says, as soon as he had taken care of his family he set out with what few of his company could be gathered for Wyoming, and reached the fort too late to participate in the engagement. He was present, however, to lend his advice in regard to the surrender and his aid to the fugitives.

Having done all in his power to help the sufferers, he returned to his family, and, taking his wife and three little children, started for a place of safety. After reaching Windsor, Berks county, the family were attacked by the smallpox, of which Mrs. Franklin died November 17, 1778. As soon as the children recovered, about the 1st of December, he set out for Canaan in order to leave his helpless children in the



Colonel John Franklin.

care of his relatives. Hitching a yoke of oxen to a cart, he put into it his three little children (the oldest 4 years, the youngest 8 months old), tied a cow by the horns to follow and drove on, having a cup into which he milked from time to time as occasion required and fed the babe. Thus he traveled the rough way 200 miles, through forests, fording streams and frequently sleeping under the canopy of the heavens, though in the month of December, arriving at his destination in safety, having exhibited all the patience and tenderness of a mother as well as the care and providence of a father.

After devastating the country, burning houses, destroying crops and driving off what live stock they could find, the Tories and Indians abandoned the valley. Soon after a few of the old settlers began to venture back to secure some portion of their crops, if any had been left by the enemy. They built some log houses for shelter and defence in which they spent the winter. Franklin returned to Wyoming early the next Spring. Here his ability as a leader was readily acknowledged, and from this time he began to be the foremost man at Wyoming. He was now in the 30th year of his age, over six feet in height, broad of shoulder, lithe, strong, quick, resourceful, fearless, a very athlete physically, commanding the respect of all for the uprightness of his life, his commanding abilities and his unquestioned patriotism. Those who had returned to Wyoming for better protection had formed themselves into a military company, of which Franklin was made the captain; he was also appointed a Justice of the Peace, so that he combined in himself both the highest military and civil functions in Wyoming, and to his decisions all bowed with respect and confidence.

In the expedition of Colonel Hartley, Autumn, 1778, were two companies from Wyoming; 58 men of the Independent Company, under Capt. Simon Spalding, and 12 volunteers of the Militia Company commanded by Franklin. In this expedition, Franklin and his men were in the fore front and won the greatest praise of their commander. In Sullivan's campaign, 1779, he was captain of the Wyoming volunteers, and in the attack of Gen. Hand on Chemung, known as "Hogback Hill," was severely wounded in the shoulder, which, of course, prevented further participation in the campaign. From the return of the expedition until the close of the war, scouting parties were out daily watching exposed points, pursuing marauding bands of Tories and Indians, protecting workmen on their farms, and the many ways where there was danger from the lurking foe, a service that taxed the utmost skill and judgment of the commandant, whose eyes must be everywhere. Franklin was not content in planning these military expeditions, but not

infrequently took part in them himself. On one occasion, he accompanied a scout as far as Wysox, where they had a brush with the enemy and captured a sword and a silver watch—this Franklin wore to the day of his death, a memento of his fortitude and of his bravery. Yet we find him holding his justice's court, at work upon his farm, taking a hand in the hunt, writing letters about Wyoming affairs—in short, in all the multifarious work that came to his hand.

After the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania over the Susquehanna Company's purchase had been affirmed by the Trenton decree (December 30, 1782), contrary to all expectations, the government, instead of confirming the settlers in their possessions, declared that nothing could be done to interfere with the claims of those holding Pennsylvania title, and instead of quiet, the New England people were given to understand that they must purchase their land at the land-holder's own prices or vacate their homes.

An association, composed of the Gores, Roswell Franklin, John Franklin and others of the prominent New England men in Wyoming, was formed for the purpose of purchasing a large tract of land about Oswego, N. Y., upon which they would remove. Franklin was absent on a tour of exploration from May till June, 1783, but for some reason the purchase was never consummated. He returned, determined to resist every act by which an attempt should be made to wrest from the settler his claim to the lands, which were bought by the blood of his kindred. The struggle which ensued was long and bitter. In the various conferences which were held with commissioners and other officials, in writing letters, in visiting various other parts of the Wyoming settlements, in circulating petitions pleading the cause of the Connecticut people before the supreme executive council, congress and the legislature of Pennsylvania, Franklin was constantly busy, and "always true to the people whom he represented and for whom he spoke, challenging not only the unqualified confidence of the settlers, but calling forth the bitterest epithets from the partisans of the Pennsylvania land-holders. Whenever the rights of the Connecticut people were assailed he stood ready for their defence."

In nothing was Colonel Franklin more distinguished than in his wonderful versatility in devising means for the accomplishment of his purpose. When it became evident that the legislature of Pennsylvania was controlled by the land-holders, the first scheme was to secure a court in which the private right to the soil could be tried. Failing in this, the next movement was to interest the Connecticut government in behalf of the suffering settlers; but in this the government declined

to use anything but the moral influence of its opinions on its executive council of the Commonwealth. Next was the new state plan in which it was intended, through the aid of the Susquehanna Company and the sympathy felt for the New England people at Wyoming to bring on a sufficient force to wrest the territory from the grasp of the Commonwealth.

At this date the Articles of Confederation were in effect, which compelled Congress to refrain from interfering in the domestic affairs of any state. Men prominent in politics, possessed of great wealth and personal influence, pledged Franklin their support. A conference was held with Gen. Ethan Allen, of Fort Ticonderoga fame, who had just succeeded in securing statehood for Vermont under much opposition, and who, in cocked hat and feathers, came to Wyoming, declaring that he had made one state and "by the Eternal God and the Continental Congress he would make another." The plan seemed feasible and success certain. In the meantime, the Pennsylvania government became thoroughly alarmed and began to make overtures for peace. The disputed territory was erected into the county of Luzerne by an Act of the Legislature passed September 25, 1786. This was the next act of conciliation and compromise.

Col. Timothy Pickering, who had been quartermaster in the Revolutionary army and held in high esteem throughout the country, a man of consummate skill, tact and of great ability, courage and enterprise, was appointed to organize the new county. Promises were freely made that the settlers should be quieted in their possessions, if the laws of Pennsylvania were permitted to go into effect At the suggestion of Pickering, a petition was circulated and numerously signed by the old settlers, stating that 17 townships, each five miles square, had been allotted to settlers prior to the Trenton decree, and praying that these lots be confirmed to settlers thereon; the legislature, March 28, 1787, passed what was called the Confirming Law, confirming said lots to the settlers thereon, providing for compensation to Pennsylvania claimants out of the unoccupied lands in the Commonwealth, and for the appointment of commissioners to carry into effect the provisions of the law. The Act establishing the county of Luzerne and the Confirming Law created heated discussion in Wyoming.

On the one side it was declared that Pennsylvania had come to a better understanding of the case and was disposed to treat the settlers with justice, recognize their rights, secure their titles to their lands, give them courts and officers of law and representation in the legislature. On the other side it was contended that no confidence could be

placed in Pennsylvania, that she had frequently allured them to trust her promises only to deceive and destroy them, and was now under a different guise, pursuing the same policy of deception and fraud – that there were many who had expended large sums of money in the purchase of land lying outside of the 17 townships, others whose husbands, fathers or brothers had been killed in the war, and whose lands had not been assigned until after the Trenton decree, but the title of these was in justice as good every way as that of the old settlers in the township; and then the half-share men, who had come to them in their distress, relying upon their promise, who had aided them in their conflict with the Pennsylvania authorities, and by their loyalty and courage had driven them to make this offer of compromise, whom now to forsake would be the most wicked treachery, that these were abandoned without recognition and compensation.

A public meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the provisions of the law and determining what course should be pursued. Quoting from Mr. Miner: "So great a gathering had not been in the valley for years. Matters of the highest moment were to be discussed and decided. Indeed, the future of Wyoming seemed to rest on the deliberations and the decisions of that day. Little less than war or peace appeared to be involved in the issue. All felt the magnitude of the questions to be resolved. But Wyoming was no longer united. Discord had reared its snaky crest; malign passions were awakened. Brother met brother, friend greeted friend, not with the all hail of hearty good will, but with beating heart, knit brow and the frown of anger and defiance. Colonel Pickering, sustained by the Butlers, the Hollenbacks, the Nesbits and the Denisons, appeared as the advocate of the law and compromise. Colonel Franklin, supported by the Jenkinses, the Spaldings and the Satterlees, came forth the champion of the Connecticut title." The meeting ended in riot and confusion, although a vote was taken to support the law and accept the compromise.

These measures completely thwarted Franklin's new state scheme. The whole country was in confusion. Pickering had succeeded beyond his expectations in the first part of his program of dividing the Connecticut people and setting the old settlers against the half-share men. Franklin, however, continued busy, devoting all his tireless energy and consummate ability to uniting opposition to the Confirmation Law. In order to frustrate the efforts of Franklin, Pickering determined to get rid of him, for a time, at least. A writ was obtained secretly and intrusted to competent hands, and Franklin, unsuspecting the plot, was

suddenly arrested and conveyed to Philadelphia jail on the charge of high treason. The news of the arrest and abduction of Franklin spread over the country as fast as couriers could carry it. The northern part of Luzerne was swept with a whirlwind of excitement. Here the half-share men principally lived. "The blow which struck down Franklin was aimed at them. He had fallen in defence of their rights. He was their leader, counsellor and friend. They felt their interests were at stake and determined that Pickering, for whom they could find no language strong enough to express their contempt, should suffer for this assault upon their beloved leader." Pickering fled to Philadelphia. In November, 1788, a court was ordered to be held at Wilkes-Barre for the trial of Franklin. Chief Justice McKean presided. Franklin's strong frame was bowed and weakened by sickness and 13 months' confinement, and his spirit was broken. "The lion was tamed." He was indicted for high treason, but the trial was never called, and Franklin was admitted to bail, it was claimed, under promise that he would not further oppose the laws of Pennsylvania. Soon after (1789) he removed to his farm in Athens township, Bradford county, where he lived until his death, but never took out for it a title under Pennsylvania, nor was ever molested because he did not.

In 1792, Colonel Franklin was elected high sheriff of Luzerne county. From the expiration of his term as sheriff, he was busy for a number of years as one of the commissioners of the Susquehanna Company, which continued to hold frequent meetings at Athens, selling rights and granting townships. The Intrusion Law (1795) made these acts criminal. Under this Act, Colonel Franklin, John Jenkins, Elisha Satterlee and Joseph Biles were indicted at the August sessions, 1801, of Luzerne county, and a special verdict found against them. The case was removed by certiorara to the Superior court. The Act was held to be constitutional, but the defendants were discharged on other grounds.

In 1781, while Connecticut claimed jurisdiction over the county of Westmoreland, representatives were sent to her assembly at Hartford. Colonel Franklin went one year. In 1795 and '96 he represented Luzerne county in the Pennsylvania Assembly. From 1799 to 1803 he was in the assembly every term. Mr. Miner says of him: "A few months before an election with great tact Franklin would commence his essays, awaken old and new prejudices and hopes, kindling the spirit of the people to that degree of warmth that Colonel Franklin *must* go to the Assembly, and he went." In the legislature, on all those questions relating to the land titles he was ever ready to defend

with his might the half-share men, and bitter in denunciation of the inhumanity and greed of the landlords.

An attempt was made in the sessions, 1802-'03, to expel him from the House on account of his being under indictment for violations of the Intrusion Law; but it failed. Determined, however, to get rid of him, in 1804 an act was passed, setting off that part of Luzerne county which contained the residence of Franklin to Lycoming. The first draft of the bill included that part of Luzerne, north of Towanda creek and west of the Susquehanna river. Colonel Franklin, when the bill was read, arose in his seat and informed the gentlemen that he lived on the east side of the river. The bill was accordingly changed so as to include him in the dismembered portion. In 1805, however, he was elected by the people of Lycoming, and to the chagrin and mortification of his enemies he appeared again at Lancaster and took his seat. As it was his crowning, so it was his closing victory. In politics, Colonel Franklin was a Federalist, and wielded so large an influence in Luzerne county (in the nearly equally balanced parties of the state) that he was courted and countenanced by eminent politicians in the Commonwealth. Even between him and Colonel Pickering civilities passed and they dined together at the table of a mutual acquaintance.

Colonel Franklin's life had been one of constant toil, exposure and anxiety, burdened with many cares and wearied with many conflicts. The several questions to which he had devoted his great energies were practically settled, and he desired the peace and rest of his own home. Here he was not idle, but as long as strength remained he was busy in the cultivation of his farm and in the management of private enterprises in which he was engaged. Surrounded by friends who loved and revered him, it was his delight to recount the story of his early days, and the sufferings and toils of his associates and companions. Although usually grave and dignified in his demeanor, there was a vein of sly humor often mingled in his conversation. He was a ready writer and his pen was constantly employed. In his last years it was his custom to attend the funerals of the older people of his acquaintance and make some remarks, relative to the life and character of the deceased, which for many years were held in grateful rememberance.

In earlier years Franklin was a communicant member of the Congregational church. During the period of strife and war and political contention, he gave but little thought or attention to religious matters. In his retirement during the last years of his life, he was a pronounced Universalist. He read his Bible much, and for many years the older

people spoke reverently of his long, fervent prayers and devout conversation.

Colonel Franklin married for his second wife Abigail, daughter of Capt. Stephen Fuller and widow of Capt. James Bidlack, slain at Wyoming, July 3, 1778. By this marriage he had no children, but was ever a father to the two sons and two daughters left by Captain Bidlack. Colonel Franklin died at his home in Athens, March 1, 1831, in his 82nd year. He is buried on a gravelly bluff, a few rods north of his mansion, overlooking the highway and in full view of Tioga Point. His wife, Abigail, died January 30, 1834, in her 83rd year, and is buried beside the colonel. By his former marriage Colonel Franklin had three children, Billa, Amos and Keziah.

Billa settled at St. Albans, N. Y., where he died, leaving a family of nine children. His son, Amos, came to Athens and lived with his grandfather. He married Cynthia McKinney. Their daughter, Rebecca, married Zephon F. Walker.

Amos, a physician by profession, settled at Cayuga village and died here, October 11, 1804, leaving one son, Henry, who died without children.

Keziah married Dr. Solomon Beebe, settled at Geneva, N. Y., and died without children.

Amos Bennett and his family were living in Wyoming at the time of the Indian attack, 1778, occupying a log house. During the progress of the battle a party of Indians came near and were discovered. One of Mr. Bennett's daughters out of curiosity, opened the door, but was instantly pulled back into the house and the door reclosed. Scarcely had the inquisitive girl been dragged into the house when a bullet struck into the door-post where she had stood a moment before. About the year 1785 Mr. Bennett removed with his family from Orange county, N. Y., to Wyalusing where he lived until 1791, then purchased the Ketchum possession and settled permanently in Asylum. He built a little tub-mill at the falls just below the road on Bennett's creek. His house stood on the flats below the present Storrs' residence Mr. Bennett died, 1813, aged 65 years. His wife died, 1814. The children of Amos and Anna Bennett were: Amos, Thomas, John, David, Gideon, Nathan, Benjamin, Susannah, Hetty, Prudence, Martha and Hannah.

Amos married Amy Wilcox and in 1790 settled on Sugar creek in North Towanda, where he lived until the time of his death, February 10, 1839, aged 73 years. Their children were: *Amos* settled in Canton; *George*; *Thomas* located at Canton; *Enos* settled in Burlington; *Chester* lived in North Towanda; *Polly* married Enoch Luther, Burlington;

Nathaniel occupied the homestead; *Hannah* married, first, Wm. Lee, second, Amos Coon.

Thomas went to the Genesee country, married, lost his wife and died insane.

John married Hannah Vargason and lived in Albany township.

David married in the Genesee country and died there.

Nathan went to the Genesee country, married Polly Ellsworth and joined the Mormans.

Benjamin married Betsey Abbott of Wyalusing and lived on the Storrs place. He was drafted in the War of 1812 and was discharged after reaching Danville.

Susannah married Joshua Bailey, North Towanda.

Hetty married Justus Seeley and removed with her husband to Canada.

Prudence married Jacob Strickland of Wysox and went West with her husband about 1811.

Martha married Richard Benjamin, Asylum.

Hannah married Benjamin Acla, Asylum.

Richard Benjamin served as a private, the latter part of the Revolutionary war, in the Florida regiment of Orange county militia, commanded by Col. Henry Wisner in the company of Richard Bailey. He accompanied his father-in-law, Amos Bennett, to Wyalusing, 1785, and resided there until the Fall of 1793, when he and his brother-in-law, Benjamin Acla, went to Bennett's creek in Asylum, built log houses and the following Spring moved in with their families. Benjamin lived on the farm known as the Haight place, where he died March 21, 1815, possessed of 500 acres of land, leaving a wife and ten children. He is buried in the old cemetery on the Storrs' farm, but no stone marks his final resting place. The children of Richard and Martha Benjamin were: Jonathan, John, Patty, Polly, Peter, David, Jesse, Sally, Hetty, Joshua, Betsy and two others dying in infancy.

Jonathan married Leah, daughter of Benjamin Acla, and lived on Seeley Hill, where he died February 1, 1847, aged 77 years. They had a family of eleven children.

John married Patty Vincent, and for his second wife, the widow of his brother, David. He was the father of eleven children.

David married Hannah Johnson.

Sally married Ebenezer Drake, Wysox.

Polly married Samuel Chilson.

Hetty married Robert Chilson.

Patty married Amos Vargason.

Benjamin Acla came from Florida, Orange county, N. Y., with his father-in-law to Wyalusing (1785) and located in Asylum, 1793. Here he resided until the time of his death, April 26, 1835, at the age of 82 years. He and his wife, Hannah, were the parents of eleven children: Betsy, Amos, John, Anna, Leah, Phebe, William, Jonathan, Polly, Benjamin and David.

Stephen Durell came to Asylum about 1789. He located at the mouth of Durell creek (so called in his honor) and built a house and saw-mill there. He secured a land warrant for 20 acres, surveyed August 13, 1792. In 1790 his family consisted of four males and three females. How long he remained, or whether he died here we are not informed. His name does not appear upon any of the early assessment rolls.

Daniel Minier served in the Northampton county, Pa. Militia during the Revolutionary war. He was a son of Christian Minier, a persecuted Huguenot, who came from Germany and settled in this country. The former, in or before the year 1789, left Northampton county, bringing his family in a boat up the river to Milan, where he located, being the first settler at that place. He occupied the Warner farm and his son, John, built a log house and lived where the Milan house now stands. His lands included a purchase of 400 acres, which he made from the State of Pennsylvania, 1813. Here Mr. Minier lived until the time of his death, August 4, 1822, which occurred while visiting friends in Northampton county. He was in his 74th year. His family, a large one, were ardent Methodists and organized the first class of that denomination in the neighborhood about 1794. The children of Daniel and Polly Minier were: John, Abraham, Elias, George, Daniel, Anna, Catharine, Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob Wagner), Hannah (Mrs. Daniel Smith), Mary (Mrs. John McKean), Sally (Mrs. Helsey Bird) and Susan (Mrs. John Huy). Catharine died unmarried February 5, 1816, aged 25 years. Polly, the wife and mother, died December 14, 1842, aged 95 years.

John, born February 7, 1777, married, 1800, Rachel, daughter of Obadiah Brown of Sheshequin. He was active in politics and elected the third coroner of Bradford county. In 1822 he sold his farm and soon after moved West with most of his family, dying in Illinois. His children, who married as follows, were: Daniel, to Amanda Subert; Sarah, first to Joseph Brooks, second to Joseph Edmiston; Robert, to Sarah Burt; Hannah died unmarried; Mahala, to Perrin Burnham; George W., to Sarah Ireland; Catherine, to William Hudmet; Theodore L., to Sarah Maxwell; Jemima, to Watson Cook.

Abraham, born October 16, 1782, was an itinerant preacher for over fifty years, died August 10, 1865. He married Lillie Burch, sister of Rev. Robert Burch. She was born January 12, 1781, died March 14, 1840. Their children, who married as follows, were: Robert to Sarah Barton, New York; Maria to Justin Morley, Athens; Ellen to Andrew Burnside, Ulster; Thomas to Matilda Brink, Sheshequin; Ethan to Ariana Keeler, Smithfield; Sarah to Henry Vosburg, Burlington; Margaret died unmarried; Abraham D. to Elizabeth Stone, Athens.

Elias, born January 12, 1787, married Judith H., daughter of Samuel Gore, and settled in Sheshequin, where he died May 31, 1865. His children, who married as follows, were: Sylvester, to Christiana Russell; Samuel, first to Amanda Morley, second to Lodema Vancise; Sarah, to Daniel Miller; Mary died unmarried; Daniel, to Martha Ridle; Dow, to Sarah Swain.

George married a Miss Cooper and died in Ulster. His children were: Minerva (Mrs. Platt), Maria (Mrs. Young), Abraham, Solomon, Fleming and Susan (Mrs. Matthias Lent).

Daniel married and resided in Sheshequin and Wysox.

Isaac Cash, born August 15, 1766, in Orange county, N. Y., was the eldest son of Daniel and Mary (Tracy) Cash. His father removed to Wyoming about 1776, and just preceding the battle Mr. Cash went East to solicit aid to repel the expected invasion. Upon his return he met the flying fugitives, and among them his wife and little children. They went back to Orange county, and after the war was over returned to Wyoming, where Mr. Cash died, 1789. Isaac was among the first settlers at Tioga Point. In 1791 he sold his improvement there and went to Ulster, and purchased a property, known as Lot No. 3, of Solomon Tracy, since known as the Lockwood farm. He was an active, energetic man and dealt largely in lumber and real estate. For some time he was a justice of the peace. Mr. Cash married Sally, daughter of Judge Gore, Sheshequin. They had eleven children, all left orphans at an early age, by the sudden death of their parents. Mrs. Cash died March 23, 1813, in her 39th year, and her husband, April 12, 1813, in his 47th year. Their children were:

Mary Ann, born March 8, 1793, married first Dr. Robert Russell, who lost his life in the War of 1812, and afterwards Col. Edmund Lockwood of Ulster, died July 5, 1865.

David, born December 7, 1794, after embarking in different enterprises, studied law at Nashville, Tenn., and was admitted to the Bar. He returned North and formed a partnership with his uncle, Simon

Kinney at Towanda. He was district attorney and prothonotary of the county, and was interested in the construction of the North Branch Canal and also the Barclay Railroad. He married Mary Ann Spencer, and died September 18, 1864, in Towanda.

Eliza, born November 28, 1796, married John Wattles, Wysox.

Carassa, born March 13, 1798, married Morris Spalding, Towanda.

George W., born September 16, 1800, was for some years engaged in the tanning business in Towanda with Morris Spalding, subsequently went to Texas, where he enlisted in the war for Texan independence, was captured by the Mexicans and put to death in cold blood by orders of Santa Anna.

Lord Gore, born May 13, 1802.

John Spalding, born March 13, 1804, went to Texas and was killed by the Mexicans near Saltillo

Daniel Shepard, born April 8, 1806, was a blacksmith. He went West and became deeply interested in Lake Superior copper business; died January 4, 1869.

Isaac, born May 19, 1808.

Sarah, born October 7, 1810, married William Kendall.

William K., born November 28, 1812.

Moses Park, born August 1, 1766, came to Sheshequin about 1789 His father was a sea captain and was lost at sea when the son was of tender years. After coming to Sheshequin, Moses taught school, probably the first in the town, and also began preaching as a Baptist there and at Tioga Point. In 1772 he married Mary, daughter of Gen. Simon Spalding. A year later he commenced to preach Universalism, and in 1797 removed to Ohio. He returned to Bradford county, 1801, and purchased a farm, east of the Susquehanna in Athens, where he resided until the time of his death, May 30, 1817. He continued preaching at Sheshequin and Athens until the close of his life. The children of Moses and Mary Park were :

Cynthia, born December 25, 1792, married Constant Matthewson, Athens.

Clarissa, born April 29, 1795, married Nathaniel Flower, Athens.

Amanda, born November 24, 1799, married Jabez Fish, Sheshequin; died July 7, 1891.

Rev. Chester, born January 20, 1802. married Lemira Fish, Sheshequin, died 1881; children : Dana F., Harriet (Mrs. Charles E. Johnson), Horace A., Lemira A. (Mrs. C. C. Tracy), Mary (Mrs. Charles Greer).

George, born July 25, 1806, married a Miss Hutchins, died in Athens, where he kept a public house.

Silas Warren, born March 18, 1809.

Mary, born November 28, 1813, married Rev. G. S. Ames, died February 20, 1843.

Consider S., born October 31, 1816.

Harriet, *Moses* and *Simon* died young.

Samuel Clark came to Ulster soon after his brother, Capt. Benjamin Clark. In the census of 1790 his family is given as consisting of five males and three females. Mr. Clark met a tragic death on Christmas, 1808. He had a contract for building a section of the State Road, crossing the county from east to west, and while engaged on the Gregg place in clearing away brush, was shot in mistake for a deer by a neighbor. But little is known of his family. One son, Ebenezer P. Clark, was for a number of years a resident of Towanda and did teaming for Col. Harry Spalding. Harry S. Clark, son of Ebenezer P., born, 1823, is still a resident of Towanda.

The Bidlack Family- In the struggle for Independence there was no more heroic and self-sacrificing family in the Wyoming Valley than the Bidlacks. James Bidlack and his three sons all bore arms against the minions of King George III. James, his second son, commanded the Wilkes-Barre company and fell at the battle of Wyoming while leading his men. He was seized by the savage fiends and thrown on the burning logs of the fort, held down with pitchforks and tortured till he expired. Captain Bidlack had married Abigail Fuller (page 115) and had four children: Stephen, Sally, Hettie and James. Captain Bidlack's widow married Col. John Franklin, who took her children under his own roof and thenceforward was a father to them. Of the children:

Stephen married Lois, daughter of Capt. Samuel Ransom and removed to Spencer, N. Y.

Sally married Franklin Chitsey.

Hettie married William Patrick and removed to Michigan.

James Bidlack, the younger son of Captain Bidlack, born September 22, 1778, came to Athens, 1789, with Colonel Franklin. He married, 1803, Esther Moore (page 134) and settled in Sheshequin. His final location was at Ghent, on the farm afterwards occupied by his son, Daniel M. Mr. Bidlack was accidentally killed, April 30, 1828, while loading a raft at Sheshequin. His wife, Esther, born May 16, 1787, died August 28, 1863. Their children were:

Anson, born May 7, 1804, died unmarried April 14, 1865.

Mary, born January 20, 1806, married Joseph McKinney of Athens, died May 10, 1891.

Sally, born September 28, 1808, married Philip Verbeck, died March 11, 1883.

Lydia, born July 20, 1811, married Samuel P. Wolcott, died at the age of 72 years.

Zipporah, born August 5, 1816, married John E. Horton, died April 12, 1895.

Abigail, born October 17, 1818, married Martin V. B. Towner, died at the age of 76 years.

James, born January 3, 1821, married Laura Russell, was a soldier of the Civil War, died October 24, 1903.

Daniel M., born April 23, 1823, married Caroline, daughter of Cornelius Smith, died April 25, 1905, upon the farm where he was born.

Stephen, born April 10, 1826, married Ethelinda Vibbert, died January 29, 1908.

Noah Murray was born April 11, 1748. at Guilford, Conn. He was one of the nine sons of Jehial and Mary (Way) Murray and spent his early life at Kent. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, he is said to have enlisted in the first call for troops, April, 1775, and again, May 6, 1777, entered the 7th regiment, Connecticut line, serving as a sergeant, until December 14, 1778, when he retired bearing the scars of battle. After the war he became a Baptist preacher, and in 1787 removed to the Wyoming valley. Having been commissioned a justice of the peace for the upper district of Luzerne county he brought his family up the river early in 1789, settling at Athens. Soon after he renounced the Baptist doctrines and began preaching Universalism, being the founder of that faith in Bradford county. He preached in various places as opportunity offered, and for a year was pastor of the Universalist church in Philadelphia. He was noted for his logic and persuasive powers. He took an interest in educational matters, and was one of the proprietors of the old Athens academy. The Connecticut township of Murraysfield (now Springfield) was named for and granted to him. Here he died and a monument there to his memory bears this inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Noah Murray, the first preacher of Universalism in Bradford county, who died May 16, 1811, in the 75th year of his age." He had married Mary Stowe of Middletown, Conn. Their children were: Sylvia, Lucy, Abner, Mary, Irene, Elizabeth and Noah.

Abner occupied the homestead in Athens and was a prosperous

farmer, inn-keeper, merchant and lumberman. He married, December 25, 1797, first, Dorothea Harris (page 173) and had children: Eliza (Mrs. Simon Spalding), Harris, Francis G., Mary Ann (Mrs. Horace L Holcomb); married, second, Nancy Ely (White), and had a son, Edward A.

Elizabeth married John McConnell of Newtown.

Mary married Ambrose Collins of Athens, afterwards St. Louis.

Noah was for many years a justice of the peace for Athens: He married a Mrs. Dutilh of Philadelphia and removed to Ohio, 1831.

Zephon Flower, son of Nathaniel Flower, was born November 30, 1765, at Hartford, Conn. In the Spring, 1779, at the age of 13 years, he enlisted in the American army, serving till January 1, 1780. On the 25th of January, 1780, he joined Col. Elisha Shelding's regiment of Light Dragoons and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge, June 12, 1783. He was remarkably brave and had many thrilling escapes. Once when on sentinel duty, he halted General Washington because he was passing the guard without giving the countersign. The general stopped and after giving the countersign and salute, tossed the lad a silver half dollar, saying "Good boy, good soldier." In 1785 he married Mary Patrick of Hartford and removed to Stillwater, N. Y. He had learned surveying and assisted in the State Line survey, 1786. He lived at Kingston for a time, then in or before 1790, removed to Sheshequin, going to Athens, 1803, where he settled permanently. He was very efficient as a surveyor, laid out many of the early roads and helped locate numerous obscure claims. From 1821 to '24 he was deputy surveyor of Bradford county. Soon after coming to the county he was elected major of Militia, hence the the title "Major," by which he was familiarly known. He was the first person made a Mason by old Rural Amity Lodge, the date being June 12, 1798. Major Flower died April 16, 1755. His wife, born December 20, 1765, died March 5, 1848. They had children:

Helosia, born January 16, 1786, noted for her many deeds of kindness and charity, died unmarried, July 13, 1861.

Mary, born July 12, 1788, married Zebulon Mix, Towanda.

Nathaniel, born July 16, 1791, married Clarissa, daughter of Moses Park, died September 8, 1851, without children.

Ithuriel, born December 10, 1797, removed West.

Zuliema, born April 6, 1800, married George Walker of Nichols, N. Y., was the mother of nine children, the fourth being Zephon F. Walker, a noted surveyor and civil engineer of the county.

Huldah, born October 26, 1793, married Timothy Bartlett, Sheshequin.

Other children of Zephon Flower were: Philomela, Zephon, George, Alfred, Albert, Almore.

William Curry, who had served his country for American independence under Capt. Peter Bartholf in the regiment commanded by Col. John Hathorn, New York state troops, removed in 1790 from Dutchess county, N. Y. and settled on "Queen Esther's Flats," the whole country then being a dense forest with a few remote, isolated families. Here he lived for a few years, then purchased from the state of Pennsylvania 240 acres of land farther south in Ulster township, known as the "Welles farm," and by unremitting industry and economy made a desirable home for himself and family. During the War of 1812, Mr. Curry and his eldest son, William, enlisted and both served with credit to themselves and country. In 1769, Mr. Curry had married Charity Lockwood, with whom he lived in perfect harmony for over 63 years. Unto them were born six sons and three daughters. Some of the sons settled in Tompkins county, N. Y., and two went to the far West to seek their fortunes. Mrs. Curry died October 12, 1832, aged 82 years, 9 months and 6 days, and her patriot husband died, 1844, aged 96 years. Their remains repose in the Milan cemetery. Of their sons:

John for some years occupied a farm of 116 acres in Smithfield, deeded him by his father.

Ezekiel settled just above the creek in Athens township. He married Clarissa Lamphire, who bore him three daughters: Fanny, who married Jabez Havens and lived in Binghamton; Harriet married Rev. H. M. Chase, a Christian minister, and lived on the farm occupied by her father, who was also a minister of the same denomination; Polly married William Smith and died on the homestead. Rev. Ezekiel Curry died October 26, 1867, aged 76 years, 4 months and 20 days, and his wife, April 29, 1835, aged 40 years, 8 months and 17 days.

Lockwood, another son, met a tragic death in 1801, which saddened the hearts of the family and cast a pall of gloom and sadness upon the little community. While hunting he was shot by a companion in mistake for a deer.

Henry Tuttle came to Wysox in or before 1790. He owned several lots in Claverack under Connecticut title, where the village of Wysox now stands. In 1792 he married Mary, daughter of Sebastian Strope. About 1809 he deserted his wife and family, going to Michigan. Mrs. Tuttle died November 16, 1851, in Wysox, aged 78 years. Their children, who married as follows, were:

Henry removed to Kingston, married Anna Shoemaker, died in Michigan, 1846.

Margaret married Joshua Lamphere and died in Wysox.

Hannah married Isaac W. Green and removed West.

Sally married Hezekiah Newell, Sheshequin.

Abigail died November 23, 1861, in Wysox, unmarried, aged 56 years.

John married Mrs Ellen Brown, Wysox.

Ebenezer Tuttle, probably a brother of Henry, came to Wysox soon after the latter. Whether he was the son of Ebenezer or had a son Ebenezer, we are not informed. However, there were two Ebenezer Tuttles in Wysox. In 1812 Ebenezer Tuttle conveyed his title to a property in Myersburg to William Keeler. In 1818 Ebenezer Tuttle and wife, Lucy, deeded a portion of the Moger tract along the Susquehanna river, including a ferry, for a consideration of $1,350, to John Wragg. On one of the tombstones in the Wysox cemetery may be read this inscription: "Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Tuttle, died April 24, 1813, aged 42 years." November 10, 1820, letters of administration were granted to Ebenezer Tuttle and William Keeler on the estate of Ebenezer Tuttle, late of Wysox.

Cherick and Leonard Westbrook, brothers, were settlers under the Susquehanna Company in or before 1790, first in Standing Stone and next in Ulster. They were sons of Abraham and Blondens Westbrook, whose other children were: Derrick, James, Jennie, Sarah, Peggy, Keziah and Phœbe. The brothers were noted for their size and strength. During the Revolutionary war Cherick and Leonard served in Capt. John Franklin's Wyoming Company (1782), Fifth regiment, Connecticut Militia. After living in Ulster some years, Leonard removed to other parts. In 1813 Cherick returned to Standing Stone, where he continued to reside until the time of his death, 1819, being killed by the fall of a tree while chopping. He had children: Martin, Henry, William, Isaac, Peggy and Azubah.

Martin removed West.

Henry married Ruth Allen, lived and died on the homestead, Standing Stone.

William married Mahala Dunn and occupied a portion of the homestead.

Isaac married Deborah Smith, died in Durell.

Peggy married Henry Hibbard and lived in Albany township.

Azubah married John Allen of Wysox.

Rachel, widow of Cherick Westbrook, was subsequently three times married. Her second husband being Mr. Lyons, third Mr. Richards and fourth Mr. Parks. She died at the age of 90 years, having outlived all her husbands.

Dr. Stephen Hopkins, the first resident physician at Tioga Point, a son of William Hopkins (a soldier of the Revolution), was born September 3, 1766 at Roxbury, Morris county, N. J. He studied medicine with Dr. Stephen White and had practiced some years before coming to Athens, 1790. His practice speedily became extensive, and he was frequently called as far as Wilkes-Barre to the south and Palmyra to the north. His journal records him as present at 2,500 births. For a quarter of a century he was the only dependent physician at the Point. He willingly traveled night and day on horseback over rough paths to minister to his patients, and was wonderfully successful. "Dr. Hopkins was short and stout, with blue eyes and a ready smile and pleasant word for all. His hospitality was far-famed and unsurpassed. In his younger years he wore a ruffled shirt, wig and knee buckles." He was also a merchant and inn-keeper. He was the first Senior Warden of Rural Amity Lodge, associated with the Academy, the Presbyterian church and filled various public offices. He died without previous illness, March 29, 1841. Dr. Hopkins married, April 3, 1788, Jemima, daughter of Colonel Ebenezer Lindsley of Morris county, N. J. She was born June 28, 1772, died August 16, 1830. Their children were:

Minerva, born June 15, 1789, married, November 30, 1805, Walter Herrick, died November 21, 1861 at Flemingville, N. Y.

Celestia, born March 26, 1792, married, November 5, 1810, Edward Herrick, died August 28, 1830 in Athens.

Eliza, born October 7, 1794, married, June 25, 1812, Dr. Thomas T. Huston, died July 17, 1856 in Athens.

Charles Lindsley, born November 18, 1796, married, December 31, 1817, Amanda, daughter of John Shepard, died March 31, 1873.

Phoebe Maria, born January 27, 1798, married, October 18, 1825, Rev. James Williamson, died December 6, 1844 at Milton, Pa.

Uzziel (Usual) Carter, a warm friend and former neighbor of Samuel Cranmer in New Jersey, followed the latter to Monroe, 1790. For seven years they labored together in common in their struggle for a livelihood in the wilderness. "Mr. Carter, a thick-set, heavy man, a regular pioneer, hardy and healthy, had a large family of sons and daughters that were all full of frontier enterprise and fun." In 1817 he sold his property and removed West. One son, *Moses*, remained in Monroe. He married Mrs. Irene (Alger) Brown, who after Mr. Car-

ter's death (1834) married Peter Johnson of Rome. Moses left two sons, Chester and Ezra.

Theophilus Moger came from Massachusetts to Wysox, 1790 and purchased the Jesse Allen farm above York's narrows, including the lands east of Wysox creek in the valley, and up the creek as far as Ralph Martin's. Soon after coming he built a large 1½ story frame house in which he lived until the time of his death, 1811. He had the following children:

Joshua, who married Jemima Hinman, built a hewed-log house and distillery near the river. Some years after his father's death he sold his interest and removed West.

Nathaniel married Alice Coolbaugh; died in Wysox about 1803, leaving besides his widow, children, Nathaniel and William.

William married Abigail Russell; died, 1825, in Wysox, leaving a daughter, Elsy Maria.

Elizabeth married Nicholas Brink.

Polly married Cyp Grant, Orwell.

Sally married Peter Johnson, Wysox.

Adam Mann came to Wysox, 1790. He owned the farm now occupied by John C. Piolett. He died on the place, and his daughter, Nancy Mann, sold to Nathaniel Moger and removed to Arkport, N. Y.

Daniel Holley (***Holly, Hawley***) came to Standing Stone about 1790, settling on the Achatius Stevens place. Here he died between 1799 and 1804, his widow surviving him and occupying the place many years. Mrs. Holly was originally Sarah Westbrook, sister of Cherrick. She was at Wyoming at the time of the battle, and on Jacob's plains at the time of the ice flood, 1784. She died, 1838 at an advanced age. The children of Daniel and Sarah Holley were:

Daniel married Rachel Dutcher and had a considerable family. He froze to death while returning home in the night.

Richard married a Miss Coats and had a couple of children. He became blind and died at the home of Asa Stevens.

James married Anna Vought and died on the homestead, 1840. In his will he provided for his sons, Alonzo, James, Leonard, Lester, and daughters, Jane Cole, Sally Hickok, Catharine, Nancy and Adeline Holley. His widow married Shepard Patrick and removed West with her family.

John married a Miss Freeman and died in Standing Stone, leaving a couple of children.

Elizabeth married John Dyer, Wysox.

Benjamin.

Diana died unmarried on the homestead.

James Quick, who was of Dutch extraction and had served in the Northampton County Rangers (Militia) against the Indians and Tories during the Revolutionary war, came from near Milford in the Minisink country to Wilmot, 1790, settling in Quick's Bend. He was the first permanent settler there, although Philip Painter had been on the ground and made some improvements before the Revolutionary war. Mr. Quick held a large tract, made many improvements and died thereon, June 22, 1847, aged 94 years and 22 days. He had married Hannah Phelps and their children were:

John M., who was a soldier in the War of 1812, married Sally Preston.

Cornelius married Urena Beeman.

Paul married Mary, daughter of Daniel Miller of Albany.

Eunice married Erastus Catlin.

Polly married Edward Winslow.

Hannah married Isaac Sutton.

Christopher Schoonover, also a "Dutchman" and from the same neighborhood as James Quick, came to Wilmot, 1790, settling in the Bend along the river. He had two sons, Joseph and Solomon, and two daughters. After a few years he sold his possession to Cornelius Quick and moved to Litchfield, being one of the first settlers there. Again selling he removed to Ohio, where he died.

Anthony Vanderpool, who led a rather romantic life, was a member of the family of New York Vanderpools, who had come from Holland and settled in the Mohawk Valley, west of Albany. He was born at Kinderhook in 1748. During the Revolutionary war he served a year in the regiment commanded by Colonel Wyskoop of the New York troops. Mr. Vanderpool had married Elizabeth Johnson, a woman with Oneida blood. This move was decidedly distasteful to the haughty and somewhat aristocratic Dutch family, and Anthony was accordingly cast off. He became a wanderer and finally drifted into Bradford county about 1790. He located on Durell creek, thence moved into French settlement and engaged in the employ of that colony. After

this he lived at different places in Monroe and Asylum, and died, 1839. He was buried in the old Ellis Hill cemetery. Mr. Vanderpool is described as a man well built, about six feet tall with all the characteristics of a Dutchman and some of the Indian, resulting from association. He

was known as "King Pool" and was a man of no particular faults. His children were William, Anthony, Richard, Mary, Peter, Samuel, Lovina, Abraham, Henry and Eleanor. William lived to be a centenarian and all the others to advanced years. The illustration is of Richard ("Derrick") Vanderpool, the picture being taken when he was 103 years old. He was a son of William and Polly (Johnson) Vanderpool, and was born April 11, 1799, at Frenchtown. He was a small, wiry man; at his best, being under five feet and weighing less than 140 pounds. His features were strongly of the Indian. When a hundred years old he made trips on foot from Burlington to Towanda, a distance of 12 miles. He was twice married and the father of 21 children. His death occurred April 12, 1904, one day after he had celebrated his 105th birthday.

Isaac Wheeler, a brother-in-law of Anthony Vanderpool, came with him from Kinderhook to Asylum, 1790. During the Revolutionary war he had served 4½ years as a drummer in the regiment, commanded by Col. Goose Van Schaick. He was an intelligent hard-working mechanic, but was unfortunately addicted to strong drink and never accumulated property. In his little shop he manufactured spinning wheels, chairs and other furniture. He was given a pension for his services in the American army. In 1822, Mr. Wheeler moved with his family to Indiana, where he died. His wife was Eleanor Johnson, sister of Mrs. Anthony Vanderpool. Their children were Mary (Mrs. Abraham Vanderpool), Kate, Peggy, Margaret, Nicholas, Samuel, Betsy and Richard.

Silas Bardwell, who had served three years in the struggle for Independence, came to Wysox about 1790, settling on a strip of land adjoining that of John Hinman and extending to the river. He was a son of Lieutenant Perez Bardwell (also lived in Wysox a few years) and was born, 1764, at Hatfield, Mass. Soon after the war he removed with his father's family to Ontario county, N. Y., where he remained until coming to Wysox. He had married Lavina Abbott. In 1811 during an epidemic of smallpox he was stricken and died, and three days later his wife passed away of the same disease. They left eight children, six sons and two daughters. The eldest son, *Solomon*, enlisted in the War of 1812, served under Commodore Perry and was on his flagship at the time of his notable victory on Lake Erie. The next younger brother also served under Perry. *Daniel Abbott*, born October 27, 1799, settled in Tunkhannock, where he died August 24, 1883. *Lydia*, born May 26, 1801, married, March 12, 1823, Seth Doane of Windham. *Silas*, born 1807, removed to other parts. *Samuel*, born 1809, married Betsy, daughter of William Elliott of Rome. The other children settled in the West. Upon the death of their parents the house and whatever it contained, including the children's clothing, were destroyed as a safe-guard against contagion. The patriot father and wife were buried on the place a few rods from their home.

Charles and Richard Townley came to Asylum in or before 1790. They sold their improvements to the French, 1794, and removed to Tompkins county, N. Y. Richard became a man of prominence, was elected a judge of the county courts and served several terms in the state legislature.

Matthias Fencelor, a German, came from Philadelphia to Cold Creek before 1789 and removed to Wysox about 1790. He was known as "the hermit," and subsisted chiefly by hunting and trapping. He made no clearing, living alone in a little log house at Myersburg on the George Conklin farm. Flax hatchels, which he wrought, were packed upon his back and peddled throughout the settlement. His dress was as peculiar, as were his manners, and consisted of buckskin breeches, coming half way between his knees and ankles, buckskin jacket, coarse cap and moccasins. He was found dead in his cabin, winter of 1806, and was buried nearby, an apple tree since having grown over his grave This strange man had passed 70 summers and of him many enticing tales are recounted. In a very interesting romance, the "Hermit of Wysauking," written by Mrs. Loud, she gives his name as "Wilhelm Hernzlaer."

Johnson Family was one of the earliest in Wysox but of whom we have little information. Being related to the Franklins and Hinmans they probably came with or soon after them. In an old family Bible we find this record: John Johnson, born March 28, 1719, married, June 24, 1741, Mary Judd, born December 20, 1723; children: *Solomon*, born February 21, 1743; *Esther*, born January 14, 1746; *Jerusha*, born August 31, 1748, married Serwignon Lewis; *Emm*, born December 31, 1750, married Jehial Franklin; *Mary*, born December 19, 1753, married Eleaz Finney; *Jehu*, born November 17, 1757, married Love Down.

John Johnson, born December 6, 1755, married Anna Hinman, died June 6, 1819. Their children were:

Hannah, born June 26, 1780, married William Coolbaugh, died September 29, 1859 in Macedonia.

Mary Ann, born December 30, 1785, married Joseph Lent, died August 5, 1855 in Sheshequin.

Polly Ann, born November 2, 1789, married Nathaniel Hickok, Jr., died May 13, 1830. Both John Johnson and his wife died in Wysox and are believed to have been buried in the old grounds on Franklin plains.

Tallady (Tallidy) Family—Henry Tallady was one of the early comers to Wysox. He settled above Myersburg on the west side of the creek. In 1790 his family consisted of three males and five females. John Tallady lived in the same neighborhood. The names of both appear on the assessment rolls, 1796. In the assessment, 1799, the name of Solomon Tallady only is given; in 1804, Abraham and Solomon, and in 1812 the name of Henry Tallady again appears. Polly and Althea, daughters of Henry Tallady, married respectively, John and James Northrup of Monroe. Solomon Tallady, who was noted for his athletic powers, settled in Monroe township.

William Daugherty, an Irishman, came from Northumberland county in or before 1790, locating near the mouth of Towanda creek. He built a saw mill, which he operated for a time, on the Hale place. About 1800 he established himself at Greenwood and opened a house of entertainment. His inn was a log building and was widely known as "Dorety's Tavern." He also built a saw mill on the Schrader and did a prosperous business. Of his children remembered were: Samuel, Margaret, James, Susanna, Mattie and William. After some years Mr. Daugherty sold his property and removed West with his family.

James M. Daugherty, a brother of William, some years later, followed him to Towanda. He lived on the run above the mansion on the Jennings farm, and both he and his wife died there in 1822. He

had been twice married before coming to Bradford county. The children by the former marriage were George, Sarah (Mrs. Daniel Bowman) and Susan (Mrs. William Vandyke). The children from the second marriage were Eliza (Mrs. Haxton) and Anna (never married).

Casper Singer of Philadelphia, who owned several tracts of land on Towanda creek in Claverack, came thereto in 1790. He built a house and made numerous improvements, returning, after a few years to Philadelphia, where he died about 1800.

James Lewis, who was reared near Sunbury, when 12 years old was captured by the Indians, taken to Canada and held three years before being released. After returning home he became a millwright and in 1790 found his way into Bradford county. He first located in Wysox where in company with John Hinman he built (1792) a grist-mill on the Little Wysox, afterwards widely known as Hinman's mills. In 1793 he sold his interest to Mr. Hinman and moved to Towanda. He constructed a double saw-mill at Hale's on Towanda creek, and "May 9, 1798 for a consideration of £125 Pennsylvania currency sells a one-fourth interest in a saw-mill and 300 acres of land, 'between Jacob Grantier's and Jacob Bowman's' to Stephen Strickland, his wife, Mary, joining with him in executing the deed." Mr. Lewis afterwards located near the mouth of the Schrader where he died, 1822, at an advanced age. He had four sons and two daughters. Only two of his children, Timothy H. and Benjamin, remaining in the county.

Timothy H. lived at Greenwood the greater part of his life and kept a hotel, which was swept away by the great flood of 1850. He also engaged in farming, lumbering and merchandising. He married Lucy ——— and had three sons, James W., Dr. William S. and Benjamin L. and four daughters.

William Ovenshire and his wife, Nancy Speed, natives of England, came from Philadelphia to Sheshequin about 1788. In 1790 the family consisted of four males and four females. Mr. Ovenshire died between 1792 and '96. One of the daughters was *Polly* and one of the sons, *Samuel*. The latter was born April 27, 1791 in Sheshequin. In 1817 he married Sarah, daughter of Stephen Bidlack, and settled in Athens next to Col. John Franklin, where he died, 1869. They had a family of six children, three of the sons being Edwin R., John F. and Samuel, Jr.

Zachariah Price came to the Merryall settlement, 1790, remaining till 1796, when he sold and removed to Wysox. He owned and occupied the Owen's place where he had a distillery. In 1819 he removed to Bridgewater, Susquehanna county, where he exchanged proper-

ties with Stephen Wilson. Mr. Price was one of the leading members of the old Wysox church, being ruling elder and moderator. He had two sons, Elizer and Demmon, and four daughters.

Other Settlers, for longer or shorter periods, who were in Bradford county, 1790, and enumerated in the first census, follow:

Name.	Location.	Males	Females	Total.
Robert Alexander	Asylum	5	4	9
Cornelius Atherton	Wyalusing	4	3	7
Samuel Baker	Wyalusing	2	3	5
Stephen Beckwith	Wyalusing	1	1	2
Isaac Benjamin	Wyalusing	1	5	6
Judah Benjamin	Wyalusing	1	2	3
Oliver Bigelow	Athens	2	3	5
Nicholas Brink	Wysox	3	1	4
Thomas Brink	Wyalusing	5	4	9
Nathan Cary	Athens	5	3	8
Gideon Church	Athens	2	3	5
Robert Cooley	Asylum	4	2	6
Jonathan Croswell	Sheshequin ?			6
James Culbertson	Sheshequin ?	1	1	2
Elisha Decker	Athens	4	3	7
Henry Decker	Athens	5	1	6
Joseph Dewey	Wyalusing	1	5	6
Peter Dingman	Athens	1	3	4
John Dorrance	Wyalusing	1	1	2
Jonathan Frisbie	Wyalusing	3	1	4
Thomas Gardner	Wyalusing	3	5	8
Ephraim Garrison	Sheshequin	2	5	7
Thomas Gibson	Wysox	3	2	5
Peter Grubb	Sheshequin ?	3		3
Richard Halstead	Athens	3	1	4
Elisha Harding	Athens	1	2	3
Samuel Harris	Athens	3	3	6
Jacob Herrington	Athens	2	1	3
Elisha Hubbard	Wysox ?	4	4	8
Christopher Hurlbut	Athens	3	3	6
John Hurlbut	Athens	3	3	6
John Hutchinson	Sheshequin	1	1	2
William Hyde	Athens	2	2	4
John Johnson	Wysox	2	1	3
Eldad Kellogg	Athens	3	3	6
William Lochry	Ulster	2	2	4
Robert McAlhaes	Athens	2		2
John McCoy	Athens	3	3	6
Isaac Moss	Athens	3	1	4

Name.	Location.	Males	Females	Total.
Isaac Parker	Ulster ?	2	1	3
Robert Patterson	Athens ?	4	3	7
John Pepper	Wysox	4	3	7
John Persen	Athens	1	2	3
John Roberts	Wysox	3	3	6
Moses Roberts	Wysox	2	1	3
Sale Roberts	Wysox	1	1	2
Josiah Rogers	Wyalusing	1	1	2
William Ross	Athens	2	5	7
Gideon Salisbury	Ulster	2	2	4
Ephraim Sanford	Sheshequin ?	7	4	11
Oliver Seelye	Athens	1	1	2
David Shoemaker	Wyalusing	1	3	4
Garrett Shoemaker	Wysox	2	5	7
John Shoemaker	Wyalusing	5	2	7
Benjamin Smith	Athens	3	2	5
David Smith	Sheshequin ?	5	4	9
Samuel Southward	Sheshequin	2	3	5
Samuel Stark	Ulster	3	3	6
Daniel Sullivan	Athens	3	2	5
Joshua Terry	Terry	1	3	4
Elijah Townsend	Wysox	3	6	9
Joshua Vanfleet	Athens	3	2	5

Notes on Foregoing and Others.

Judah Benjamin was for many years the pioneer shoemaker of Wyalusing.

Nathan Kingsley, November 20, 1789, conveys to Thomas Grant of Springfield, a lot of land in Springfield.

Hugh McCully of Tioga, March 3, 1790, conveys land to Gideon Salsbury of Tioga.

Ephraim Garrison was a physician, being the first to locate in Sheshequin, where he practiced for a time.

Garrett Shoemaker owned and occupied a strip of land in Wysox, running to the river, adjoining Silas Bardwell on the north.

Wareham Kingsley, January 12, 1789, conveys land in Springfield to Thomas Lewis, William Sherman Buck and Jared Turrell.

John Hutchinson was the original brick-maker for the Ulster-Sheshequin locality, where he had a brick-yard.

William Lochry settled above the Ulster narrows. In 1798 he sold a portion of his land to Joseph Lochry. The Lochrys sold, 1801, to Stephen Powell and soon after removed to other parts.

Benjamin and Stephen Skiff, August 30, 1787, convey to Isaac Benjamin a lot of land lying on both sides of Wyalusing creek. September 14, 1789, Isaac and Abigail Benjamin convey to Jonas Ingham.

Thomas Gibson lived some years in the Myersburg neighborhood. He was afterwards one of the pioneers of Warren. He had a son, Stephen. His wife, Sarah, was one of the first members of the original Wysox church.

Elijah Townsend was evidently the father or brother of Hezekiah Townsend, who married Hannah, daughter of Jeremiah Shaw, and had a son, Elijah, who settled in Rome township. The first Elijah sold to John Hinman, 1793, and removed to other parts

Asa Flint came from Exter, Pa., and settled at Merryall, 1790. He sold to Elijah Camp and moved to Central New York about 1807. He was a brother-in-law of Jeremiah Lewis, both of whom had married sisters of Thomas Gardner. Thomas and Francis Gardner, brothers, lived at Merryall for a time, afterwards removing to New York state.

Richard Goff, a native of New England, came to Towanda creek, settling on the south side on the line between Towanda and Monroe, 1791. He improved a considerable farm and died thereon, May 19, 1829, aged 84 years. He had married Phœbe Hubbel, sister of Mrs. Samuel Cranmer. She died December 29, 1836, aged 72 years. Their children were: William, Humphrey, James, Amos, Sarah and David.

William married Delia, daughter of Rudolph Fox. He died December 12, 1877, in Canton township, aged about 88 years. Their children were: Christiana (Mrs. Samuel Dimmock), William, Harry, ——— (Mrs. Eli Granteer), Hiram, Wellington W. and George.

Humphrey married Eunice, daughter of Sheffield Wilcox of Albany and spent his last days in Monroe township.

Amos married Margaret, daughter of Rudolph Fox and moved to Ohio.

Sarah married a Mr. Reed and went to Illinois with her husband.

William, Humphrey and Amos Goff were drafted at the close of the War of 1812, returning home after a month's absence.

Joseph Smith, a brother of Lockwood, located in Ulster, 1791. He was also a soldier of the Revolutionary war and one of the original Baptists in the county. He settled on what is known as the Anthony farm, now owned by Hon. R. S. Edmiston. At the house of Joseph Smith was formed the present Smithfield Baptist church in 1810, and also what is now the Waverly church in 1824. He died, 1834, aged 87 years, and is buried in the Milan cemetery. But little is known of his family. A son, Horace, was accidentally shot while watching a deer lick. Another son, Joseph, resided in Ulster and Sheshequin until the time of his death.

Abraham Parmeter, a native of Boston, who had served in the Revolutionary war, participating in the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga, came to Ulster, 1791. Here he married Patience Mills and continued to reside until 1813, when he removed with his family to Ohio.

James Campbell, a native of Blandford, Mass., who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war, removed from Massachusetts with his

family, 1791, and settled in the wilderness on Sugar Creek in Burlington. He had married Jane Knox, their children being John, James, David, Cephas, William, Eleanor, Rachel, Cynthia, Jane, Betsy and Sally. John, James and David were soldiers in the struggle for Independence. Mr. Campbell died upon his farm, December 28, 1813, in his 75th year. Notice of his death says: "He was the father of 5 sons, 6 daughters, 6 sons-in-law, 93 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, making in all 137. He was a member of the Methodist society and was much respected for his virtues." He was of Scotch descent. The farm he settled is still owned and occupied by his descendants. His wife, born February 3, 1744, died October 16, 1840. Both are buried in the family plot upon the homestead. Of the children:

John and *James* removed early to Indiana and died there.

David, born at Blandford, Mass., enlisted January 1, 1782, and served until December, 1783, as a private under Captain Pearsey and Col. Marinus Willet. He obtained a pension upon the ground that in the expedition to Oswego one of his feet was frozen, causing permanent lameness. He died in Burlington, December 15, 1848, aged 83 years, leaving children: Harry, James, David, Hannah (1st Mrs. Isaac Ayers, 2nd Mrs. Jesse Beals), Almira (Mrs. Isaac Marcellus), Almenia (Mrs. Clark).

Cephas, born March 29, 1777, married first Sarah, daughter of Chester Bingham of Ulster; she died, 1821, in her 35th year; married second Eleanor Miller, born January 28, 1788, died January 29, 1875. Mr. Campbell died March 5, 1857, in Burlington. Children: *Josephus*, who married Asenath Miller; *James* married Anna Robbins; *Chester* married Mary Ann Pratt; *Owen* married 1st Celinda Foster, 2nd Almira York; *Letitia* married Orry Burns.

William, born August 10, 1779, married Polly Miller, settled on Tom Jack Creek, West Burlington, where he died, 1854. His wife, born March 14, 1788, died March 16, 1847. Children: Alanson, George Washington, William, Lucy, Derrick, Letticia, Lenora.

Eleanor married Gamaliel Jaqua, Burlington.

Rachel married Stephen Wilcox, North Towanda.

Cynthia married John T. Clark, Burlington.

Jane married George Head, Burlington.

Betsy married 1st Oliver Sherman, 2nd Stephen Smith.

Sally married Jeremiah Miller, Burlington.

DeWitts—In May, 1790, Abraham DeWitt, Isaac DeWitt and James McKean (aged 20) came from "Johnny-Cake Hollow," Chemung county, N. Y., to the upper Sugar Creek valley on an exploring

expedition. Each selected a claim in the present West Burlington. A log cabin was erected, a clearing made and a patch of corn planted. After harvesting the crop all returned to Chemung. The following Spring, five families, including these three pioneers, came from the Chemung and established the first settlement in the Burlingtons. Isaac DeWitt left the neighborhood after five years. Abraham was still a resident of Burlington in 1813. William DeWitt also came to Sugar Creek in 1793 and remained until after 1804. Jacob DeWitt and Paul DeWitt followed in 1795, the former departing after a year and the latter remaining permanently. The DeWitts were of Dutch extraction and evidently of the same family.

Paul DeWitt was born, 1763, near the mouth of the Juniata river in Pennsylvania. He was a soldier of the Revolution and made the following declaration: "That he joined the army as a volunteer at Fort Horn, on the West Branch of the Susquehanna river in Northumberland county, in the Spring of 1778; that he first belonged to a company commanded by Captain Long, afterwards being transferred to another fort further down the river, serving in a company commanded by Captain Hamilton; that after remaining about a month at the last mentioned fort, he, with his company, was forced to retreat to Northumberland, at the junction of the North and West Branches of the Susquehanna, where the company to which he belonged was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Hartley; that he remained at or about Northumberland until the close of the war, repelling the attacks of Indians and guarding the town, fort, etc.; that he was in no general battle, but was in frequent skirmishes with the Indians at Fort Horn and other places in the valley of the West Branch; that he was constantly in the service of the United States for more than four years, and that Hartley's regiment belonged to that corps of the army commanded by General Sullivan." Mr. DeWitt married, December, 1792, Elizabeth Sly, settled, 1795, in West Burlington, where he died, 1840. Their children were:

Polly (Mary) married Stephen Strickland, Wysox.
George married and lived in Burlington.
James married and lived in Burlington.
Isaac married and lived in Burlington.
Betsy married Ezra Goddard, Burlington.
Hannah married Mark C. Arnout, Towanda.
Susannah married Sylvester Taylor, Granville.
Julia Ann married Horatio Gamage, Burlington.
Minerva married William Evans, Burlington.

Morgan married and lived in Burlington.
Lyman married and lived in Burlington.
Lutilda died, 1849, unmarried.

McKean Family—The name McKean is of Scotch origin and was originally Mackian. The Mackians were the chiefs of the Macdonalds of Glencoe for more than 400 years. John McKean emigrated to America in 1740 and settled in Cecil county, Maryland.

James McKean, son of John McKean, was born, 1745, in Cecil county, Md. He married Jane Scott, a native of Scotland, and about 1772 removed to Huntingdon, Pa. During the Revolutionary war he served as a member of the 8th Battalion, Cumberland county Militia. In 1789 he came to Chemung, N. Y., and two years later (1791) moved with his family into the wilderness, in what is now the township of West Burlington. Here he died in 1797. His wife, who was a very devout Christian and the "Mother of Methodism in the Sugar Creek Valley" followed him to the grave, 1813. Unto James and Jane McKean were born: Allen, William, James, Rebecca, Andrew, John, Robert, Samuel, Benjamin and Jane.

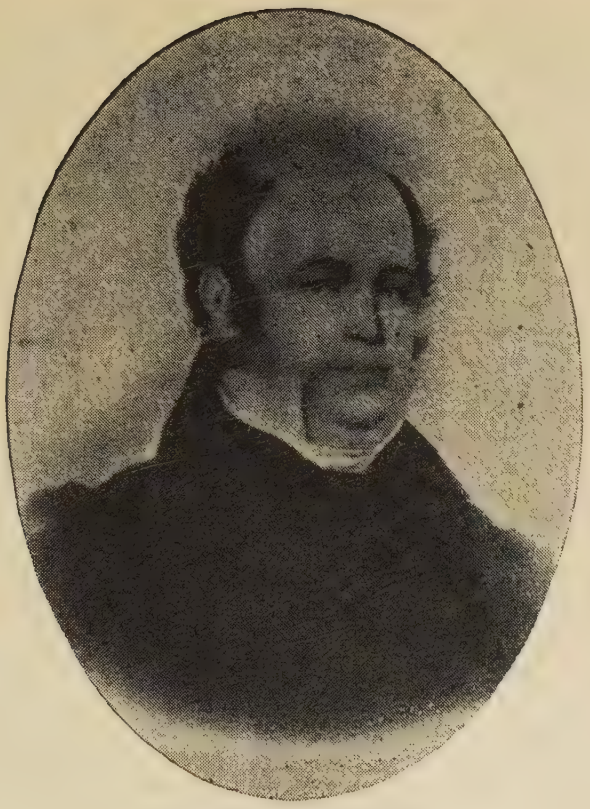
Allen was a young man of brilliant parts. He went to the Lake country and never returned.

William settled in Center county, Pa., and married there. He had children: Lewis, John, Thomas, Samuel, William, Dobbins, Rebecca, Jane, Sarah and Mary.

James settled on a farm in West Burlington, and was killed, 1822, by the fall of a tree while helping at a chopping bee. He married Esther Beach. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Jehial*, 1st to Betsy Ballard, 2nd to Maryette Norman, 3rd to Widow Williams; *William*, to Rowena Titus; *James* married and lived in the West; *Timothy* went to Texas when a young man; *John* married Electa Moore, lived in Troy; *Jesse* married Mary Vandyke of Canton; *Rebecca* married 1st a Mr. Rumsey, 2nd a Mr. Green; *Amanda* married William Boise, Troy; *Esther* married in the West and died there. The widow of James McKean married Elisha Fanning of Springfield, by whom she had two children, *Amos* and *Luther*.

Rebecca married John Dobbins of Troy and was the mother of a large family.

Andrew was a Methodist preacher for 40 years. He married and both he and his wife died at their home near Saratoga, N. Y., the former at the age of 90 years. His children were: James, Samuel, Ruth and Julia. *James* settled in the West, was a colonel in the Union army, member of congress and judge; died in Utah. *Samuel* became a



Gen. Samuel McKean.

Methodist preacher; *Ruth* married a clergyman; *Julia* died unmarried.

John was an Associate Judge of Bradford county for 28 years and a local Methodist preacher. He died at Burlington, 1855, in his 75th year. He married Polly Minier of Ulster and had 10 children: Andrew, Elias, Scott, Daniel, Sally and Jane removed to Stillwater, Minn ; Madison also settled in the West ; Hiram and Samuel located at Painted Post, N. Y., and Harrison lived at Lawrenceville, Pa. Only Elias and Harrison ever married.

Robert married Martha, daughter of Noah Wilson, lived and died in Burlington. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Col. Allen*, long a political host and 12 years prothonotary of the county, to Eliza A. Merry; *Thomas* to Sarah Gray; *Noah W.* to Margaret McCloskey; *Lemira* to John Lilley; *Andrew J.*, 1st to Abiah Day, 2nd to Phœbe Bailey; *Jnmes S.* to Sarah Blackwell; *Robert* died unmarried; *Jane* to Edward Kemp.

Samuel, born April 7, 1787, was the most noted man in the early political history of Bradford county. He was early a merchant at Burlington; county commissioner, 1814; State Representative, 1815, '16, '17 and '18; elected to congress, 1822, '24 and '26; State Senator, 1829; Secretary of Commonwealth under Governer Wolf; chosen United States Senator, 1833, for a term of six years; major-general of Militia; died December 14, 1841, at Burlington, where he is buried. His biographer says: "General McKean was the most distinguished and extraordinary man that Northern Pennsylvania has produced. We may add, that for sagacity, boldness of enterprise, untiring industry, fidelity to friends, quick and correct judgment of men and of the operations of the human mind, and for all those mental characteristics, which pre-eminently distinguish some men above their fellowmen—some ages will probably pass before Northern Pennsylvania will produce his equal." General McKean married Julia McDowell, who survived him many years. Their children were: Addison, Findlay, Samuel, Ruth, Jane and Julia Ann. *Addison* for many years engaged in the mercantile and hotel business at Burlington. He was elected prothonotary, 1845, and State Representative, 1851. *Findlay* occupied the homestead and followed farming and stock raising. *Samuel* was a justice of the peace some years; chief of police of Williamsport; died in Granville Center. *Ruth* married Holden Taylor, died in Williamsport. *Jane* married Thomas Blackwell and died near her old home. *Julia Ann* married Lorenzo Dow Taylor, brother of Holden, died in Wellsboro, Pa.

Benjamin settled in Columbia township, and was elected the 6th sheriff of Bradford county. He married first Lucy Calkins and had children: James C., Lauraet and Charles S. His second wife was Elizabeth Matthewson, who bore him Henry B. and Helen E. For his third wife he married Laura LaBarron, widow of Dr. LaBarron, who was a daughter of Nathaniel Allen, Troy. They had one child, Alma. Children married as follows: *James C.* to Nancy Brace, Springfield; *Charles S.* to Hannah Budd, Columbia; *Col. Henry B.*, 1st to Mary E. Cox, 2nd to a Washington widow; *Helen* E. to Dudley Long, Troy; *Alma* to Hezekiah Lament.

Jane married John Calkins and died in Columbia township; children, Benjamin and Newberry.

John Hinman, born February 5, 1748 at Stratford, Conn., in 1791 emigrated from Woodbury to Wysox, bringing with him his wife and two sons. He made the journey with a yoke of oxen, which the little boys rode. He purchased a large tract of land on the Little Wysox, where in company with James Lewis he built (1792) one of the first grist-mills in Northern Pennsylvania. To this was added a saw-mill, and for some years, "Hinman's Mills" were widely patronized. Mr. Hinman continued the improvement of his property till 1833, when he made a trip on horseback to visit his daughter at Mt. Morris, N. Y., where he died very suddenly, May 27, and is buried. He had married Hannah Mallory, who was born May 15, 1751 and died March 16, 1806. Their children were: Lorena (Mrs. Curtis), Sally (Mrs. Hart), Eunice (Mrs. Talmage, subsequently Mrs. Salmon King), Martha (Mrs. Luman Stanley), Jemima (Mrs. Joshua Moger), James H., Walker M., John B., Charlotte (Mrs. Sheffield Wilcox), Harriett (Mrs. Amos York) and Abner C.

John Burrows, born November 7, 1780, came to the new country with his parents. July 4, 1804 he married Miss Desire, daughter of Sheffield Wilcox, and joined the Wilcoxes in making the settlement of Albany. After a few years he located permanently in Monroe, where he died March 16, 1865. He was a diligent, intelligent, public-spirited citizen and a Christian gentleman. His wife, born December 1, 1787, died April 7, 1844. Their children were: *Minerva M.*, born July 21, 1805, married Eldad C. Camp and died in the West; *Abner Curtis*, born April 11, 1807, settled in Indiana; *Eunice E.*, born April 24, 1809, married Edward F. Young and died January 11, 1886 at Monroeton; *Stanley Sheffield*, born June 18, 1811, married Weltha Langdon, was a successful and enterprising man of Monroeton, died May 22, 1881; *Celestia R.*, born September 26, 1813, married John Hanson and died at Monroeton: *John Burrows Mallory*, born February 21, 1816, married Frances M. Dudley, was a prominent business man of Monroeton and a justice of the peace 30 years, died July 22, 1885; *Harriet J.*, born June 29, 1818, married Dr. Emerson Shattuck of Hornellsville, N. Y.; *Lorena C.*, born March 13, 1823, married Joseph B. Smith of Monroe, died July 9, 1883; *Catharine M.*, born October 16, 1825, married James H. Phinney, Towanda; *Mary D.*, born September 14, 1828, married Dr. D. N. Newton, Towanda

Abner C. occupied the homestead in Wysox. He became widely noted as the "uncompromising Abolitionist." He was the original and

for some time the only Abolitionist in the township. Strange to note, however, his seven sons all allied themselves with the Democratic party. Mr. Hinman married Augusta, daughter of Rev. M. M. York. He died April 13, 1860, aged 73 years, 3 months and 18 days, and his wife, February 9, 1881, in her 85th year. They had a bright and interesting family of ten children: *Washington* early joined the Western movement; *Celinda* married Joseph B. Ridgway, Wysox; *William* married and settled at Haverstraw, N. Y.; *Malvina* died unmarried in Wysox; *Augusta* married Evander R. Vaughan of Lime Hill and moved to Nebraska; *Capt. Miner H.* went to Nebraska after the Civil war; *Abner C.* followed blacksmithing, went West, enlisted in the Union army, was wounded and died on the Mississippi; *James Y.* married Helen Payne of Waverly and died in Wysox; *John* was a successful teacher and went West; *Beach* located in the West and became a successful lawyer.

James H. settled in New York state.

Walker M. married and lived at Mt. Morris, N. Y., being over 90 years old at his death.

Ezekiel Vergeson (Verguson, Vargason), said to have been from Connecticut, first stopped at Sheshequin, 1791, afterwards removing to Standing Stone, locating upon and making the first improvements on the farm of now Henderson Roof. He had married Sarah Jones of Welsh descent and had twelve children, all sons. Both he and his wife, *Andrew* and *Jabez* died upon the Roof farm and were buried there. The other sons, who grew up, were :

Daniel, who was a soldier of the Revolution, married and removed to Pine Creek, where he died.

Ezekiel settled in Terry township.

Amos went to the Lake country.

Isaac married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Shores, lived on Pond Hill, removing to Michigan. Their children were: John, Moses, Hiram, Albert, Israel, Hannah, Harriet, Nelson and Delos.

Rufus married Elsie Shoemaker of Kingston. He spent his days in Wysox, where he died at the age of 78 and his wife at 95 years. Their children were: Elijah, William, Benjamin, Joseph, Gilbert, James, Obadiah (died young), Robert, Claracy and Seth T., the last named, born August 4, 1816, living (1912), is the oldest surviving veteran of the Civil war from Bradford county.

David married and died in Standing Stone.

Solomon, noted as the man who never had any teeth, removed to Owego where he died.

Jesse lived in Southern Bradford.

The Hortons are of English origin, their ancestry dating back to Robert *de* Horton in the 13th century. Barnabus Horton, the first of the family to come to America, landed in Massachusetts about 1633. He removed to New Haven, Conn. and afterwards formed one of the company that crossed to the eastern end of Long Island and settled in the town of Southhold, being one of the patentees of that place. Joseph, son of Barnabus, removed to Rye, Westchester county, N. Y. From him descended in successive generations, David, John and Richard. The last named was the father of Elijah, our subject.

Elijah Horton, son of Richard and Jemima (Wright) Horton, was born August 7, 1739 at Peekskill, N. Y. About 1762 he married Jemima Currie. Being desirous of giving his aid in the struggle for Independence, February 22, 1778, he enlisted as a private in Captain Fox's company of Henley's regiment, Continental troops, for a term of three years. He served until November 24, 1779, when he was "invalided." About 1780 he removed from Peekskill to Stroudsburg, Pa. and later to Middle Smithfield, Northampton county. From the latter place, 1791, he came to Sheshequin and settled near the river at Hornbrook. Here he continued to reside till the close of his life. In 1816 when he was 77 years of age, the following notice appeared in the *Bradford Gazette:* "There is now living in the township of Ulster, this county, Mr. Elijah Horton and Jemima, his wife, who have now living 12 children, 74 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, amounting in all to 109. Mr. Horton and his wife are in good health. He takes care of his stock of horses, cattle, etc., breaks his own colts and cuts his wood. His wife performs the household business without necessity of assistance from younger persons; they, therefore, have no person in their family but themselves. The eldest of their children has living 9 children and 12 grandchildren; the other eleven of their children have all been married and had children." Both Mr. and Mrs Horton were faithful members of the Baptist church. He died August 14, 1821; his wife, born July 6, 1744, died March 11, 1825. Their children were: Elizabeth, Richard, Elijah M., Jemima, Fanny, Isaac, Joshua, Esther, Phœbe, Gilbert, Stephen and William.

Elizabeth, born July 29, 1764, married Benjamin Brink, died January 31, 1830 in Sheshequin.

Richard, born 1766 at Peekskill, married Tabitha, daughter of Isaac and Anna (Lattemore) Jane. He removed with his family from Middle Smithfield, Pa. to Sheshequin, 1792, settling on the Towner

place, which he purchased of Arnold Franklin. Here as early as 1808, he opened a house of public entertainment, the first in Lower Sheshequin and continued as an innkeeper for a number of years. He died, 1834. His children, who married as follows, were: *David*, a man of much enterprise and member of Capt. E. Mason's company, War of 1812, to Hannah Newell; *Isaac Jayne* to Ruth N. Ferguson; *Anna* to Caleb Shores; *Jemima* to John Lyons; *Tabitha* to Nathaniel Shores; *Betsy* to George Vibbert; *Diana* to Stephen Shores; *Richard* to Eliza Shores; *Josephine* to Daniel Culver; *Jane* to Aaron Shores; *Lorinda* to Orrin Smith.

Elijah M., born June 9, 1768 at Peekskill, married, 1791, Pamela Ogden and the following year settled at Hornbrook. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Isaac S.*, noted hunter, to Hannah Elliott; *Charles*, to Sally Brink; *John* to Margaret Rote; *Lydia* to Rev. David Blackman; *Mary* 1st to Smith Horton, 2nd to Rufus Cooley; *Betsy* to King Shores; *Elijah* to Elizabeth Ferguson; *Jane Jemima* to Joseph Elliott. Mrs. Horton died February 11, 1804, aged 40 years. Mr. Horton subsequently married Abigail Bullard. He died August 9, 1835 and his wife, Abigail, March 3, 1845, aged 65 years. Their children were: *William B.*, who married 1st Melinda Blackman, 2nd Saloma J. Kilmer; *Lucinda* married John B. Smith.

Jemima, born April 22, 1770 at Peekskill, married, May, 1787, Eliphalet Gustin at Stroudsburg, Pa., was the mother of 12 children and died May 14, 1822 in Burlington township.

Fanny married Seeley Hayes, a school teacher, and removed to Illinois.

Isaac, born April 19, 1772 at Peekskill, came to Sheshequin with his father. He married 1st Sally, daughter of Jonas Smith, 2nd Laura Stephens of Athens. He died September 6, 1861, without issue, at Hornbrook.

Joshua, born October 7, 1774 at Peekskill, came to Sheshequin with his father. He married Lucy Thompson. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Elsie* to Abraham Dunham; *Lucy* to Lemuel Landrus; *Sally* to Francis Forbes; *Joshua* to Betsy Brink; *William* to Sally Shores; *Richard T.* to Rhoda Horton. Mrs. Horton died May 19, 1814 in her 34th year, and Mr. Horton subsequently married Lucinda Ellis. Their children were: *Ithiel* married Polly Brink; *Lucinda* to Ethan Tuttle; *Esther* to Jackson Blackman; *Ulysses* to Sally Elliott; *Fanny* to Elijah H. Blackman; *Eleazer* to Harriet Chaffee; *Lewis* to Sally M. Chaffee; *Luman P.* to Phœbe Horton; *Nelson* to Hannah Bullis. Mr. Horton died February 19, 1863 at Hornbrook.

Gilbert, born, 1784, at Stroudsburg, came to Sheshequin with his father's family. He married Amy Beardsley. Their children were: *Freeman*, who died at 18; *Clarissa* married Leonard Shaw; *Reuben* married Polly Pierce; *David* went West. Mr. Horton removed West about 1850 and died there.

Stephen, born 1786 at Stroudsburg, came to Sheshequin with his father's family. He married Susan Mayhew and had children: *Elijah H.* married Mary Foster; *Hiram* to Hannah Hovey; *Shepard* to Harriet Acla; *Mahew* to Elizabeth Lyons; *Elizabeth* to George Williams; *Mary* to Benjamin Lyons; *Catharine* to Hiram Goff; *Anna* to Rosin Fox. Both Mr. and Mrs. Horton died at North Towanda, the former November 23, 1863 and the latter, February 28, 1873, aged 85 years.

William, born May 14, 1789 at Stroudsburg, married, 1809, Esther Cowell of Wysox. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Eliza* to Joseph Tuttle; *Delight* to Albert Tuttle; *Richard C.* to Elizabeth Smith; *Lucinda* to Guy Smith; *William* to Polly M. Rundell; *Esther J.* to John Vought; *Rachel A.* to George Chaffee; *Isaac J.* to Jane Rogers; *Lucy A.* to Joseph F. Blackman. Mr. Horton died November 23, 1858; his wife, born January 19, 1789, died March 24, 1880.

Phoebe married 1st John Smith, 2nd Lemuel Landrus, with whom she moved West about 1825.

Esther married Timothy Stratton of North Towanda and removed to Ohio.

William Dobbins, an Irishman by birth, who had lived on the Juniata, came from Chemung to West Burlington, 1791, with the McKeans and DeWitts. He had married Mary A. McLean, a very devout woman, who with Mrs. McKean, "on the very evening of the arrival of the pioneers from Chemung on Sugar Creek, proposed and held a prayer-meeting and thanksgiving for the safety of the colony, and these two then and there covenanted together to erect the family altar at their own firesides, and at it worshiped daily, and they faithfully kept their covenant through life." Both Mr. and Mrs. McKean spent their remaining days on Sugar Creek. Their children were: Robert, Daniel, John, William, Eleanor, Jane, Susanna, Sally, Betsy and Polly.

Robert became a Methodist preacher and settled in Ohio.

Daniel went to Erie, and for many years was in command of an American revenue cutter. He commanded a vessel on the lake at the time of Perry's victory.

John married Rebecca, daughter of James McKean, and settled in Troy township. He was a man of prominence and for many years a justice of the peace. His children, who married as follows, were:

Jane to Elihu Newberry; *Mary A.* to Johnson Williams; *Samantha* to Churchill Barnes; *William S.*, the 13th sheriff of Bradford county, 1st to Nancy Bothwell, 2nd to Sarah Widle; *Andrew M.*; *Elizabeth* to Joseph Hunt; *Julia* to Samuel McNitt; *Daniel*; *Rebecca* to Marvin Rockwell; *Sarah* to Norman Palmer.

William G. married Betsy Ballard.
Eleanor married Johnson Miller and moved West.
Jane married Ebenezer Kendall of Burlington.
Susanna married Nathaniel Ballard of Burlington.
Sally married Hon. Reuben Wilbur of Troy.
Betsy married Nathan Ballard of Burlington.
Mary married 1st John Ballard, 2nd Jesse Woodruff, Towanda.

James Ward came as a Connecticut settler to Burlington, 1791, locating on Upper Sugar Creek. He was a man of much activity and enterprise. Upon the organization of the county, he was selected as foreman of the first grand jury. In 1816 he sold his interests and removed to other parts.

Derrick Miller came from Connecticut to East Burlington, 1791. In 1804, Derrick, David and Jacob Miller were on the Burlington assessment rolls; in 1813, Daniel, Derrick and Isaac Miller. There were several intermarriages between the Millers and Campbells.

Tomjack, a *Mingo* or Christian Indian, with his family occupied a cabin on the south side of Sugar Creek at Burlington, when the first white settlers arrived in that valley. He welcomed the pioneers to his home, shared his provisions and in every way proved their friend. Tomjack was born at Logan's Gap near the Juniata. When the white people began to settle there, he emigrated to the Susquehanna, just above Forty Fort. There he married Betty Montour, a three-quarter blood squaw. He was emphatically a "peace-man." When it was proposed by the Indians and Tories to massacre the white settlers in the Wyoming Valley, Tomjack refused to join in the war, and moved up the river, finally locating on Sugar Creek. Here he remained until 1794, when he removed to the Allegheny river, where he died, 1809. He was the last red man to inhabit Bradford county. His memory has been perpetuated by the name Tomjack Creek, near whose mouth he lived. There is no record extant of his children except of White Fawn, a girl, and Sun Down, a boy, whose tragical death is a matter of history. *White Fawn* was educated and became a teacher and missionary, and was instrumental in doing much good to her race in the Allegheny region, and in bringing about a reciprocity of good feeling between the Indians of that section and the whites. She never mar-

Col. Franklin Blackman.

ried, giving as a reason that the Great Spirit made her a mother of a nation rather than a mother of a family. She died in 1823, much lamented, and in 1836 a monument was erected to her memory by the Moravian Missionary Society, of which church she was a member as were her parents.

Ichabod Blackman, son of Elisha Blackman, was born, 1762, in Lebanon, Conn. In 1772, he removed with his father's family to Wilkes-Barre, and was in the skirmish at Exter, July 1, 1778, together with his father and brother, Elisha. Following the battle of Wyoming, he with the other members of the family, fled through the wilder-

ness to Stroudsburg, thence to Connecticut. At the close of the war, he returned to Wilkes-Barre, and in 1786 married Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan Franklin. In 1791, he came to Sheshequin, settling the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, George W. Blackman. He was a shoemaker by occupation, and frequently made a pair of shoes at night after a hard day's labor in the forest. In the month of April, 1798, Mr. Blackman was drowned near the mouth of Sugar Creek, while crossing the river in a canoe on a very dark night. The children of Ichabod and Elizabeth Blackman were: Franklin, Elisha and David S.

Franklin, born September 28, 1787, continued the improvements begun by his father, and occupied the farm till the close of his long and useful life. Blackman's ferry, so widely known and useful, was established by him in 1805. He took an active interest in military affairs, being commissioned from color-bearer to colonel, by which latter title he was generally known. He was an ardent Whig, and filled various local positions of honor and trust, among them being justice of the peace 15 years. Colonel Blackman enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all his neighbors and had a wide circle of admiring friends. He married Sibyl, daughter of David and Louisa Beardsley. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Melinda C.* to William B. Horton; *Elizabeth F.* to Arnold F. Ferguson; *Celinda D.* to Richard H. Fuller; *Hiram L.* to Caroline Ayer; *Welthy Ann*, born February 9, 1821, still (1912) a very bright and remarkable woman, to Russell S. Ayer; *David J.* to Esther Horton; *Joseph F.* to Lucy Ann Horton; *Mary E.* to William H. Shaw; *George W.*, born February 19, 1831, the county's oldest Odd Fellow, distinguished and esteemed citizen, 1st to Ada M. Kinney, 2nd to Margaret E. Hillis. Colonel Franklin died August 14, 1880, aged nearly 93 years. His wife, born October 6, 1788, died December 12, 1864.

Elisha settled at Pittston, Pa., where he died at the age of 93 years.

David S. became a Methodist preacher of much power. He married Lydia, daughter of Elijah M. Horton. Their children were: Sterling, Bibbins, Franklin, Charles Ichabod, Elijah and David. *Sterling*, *Bibbins*, *Elijah* and *Franklin* settled at Rochelle, Ill.; *Charles* died in California; *David* went to the Mexican war, which was the last ever known of him. Mr. Blackman died September 5, 1838, aged 34 years. His widow subsequently married George Billings and removed to Illinois.

Mrs. Ichabod Blackman married for her second husband, Timothy

Winship, a Hartford merchant, who had purchased the Connecticut title of all the lands embraced in the present township of Herrick. She died June 9, 1809, aged 42 years.

William Ferguson, a brother-in law of Ichabod Blackman, who had married Patience, daughter of Jonathan Franklin, came to Sheshequin, 1791, settling on the Theodore Smith place. He cleared a considerable part of the farm and died thereon, February 10, 1826, aged 64 years. His children were: *William*, a shoemaker, married Nancy Shores and removed West; *Benjamin* married and removed from the county; *Stephen* married a Miss Atwood of Wysox and went West; *Arnold F.* married Elizabeth Blackman and removed to Streator, Ill.; *Curtis* married Ethlinda Shores and lived at Ghent; *Jemima* married Jesse R. Drake of Wysox; *Elizabeth* married Elijah Horton; *Ruth N.* married Isaac Jayne Horton. Some years after the death of Mr. Ferguson, the property was sold to Hezekiah Smith, and Mrs. Ferguson went West with her sons.

Eliphalet Gustin, a "journeying shoemaker," born February 2, 1766, in Vermont, who had married Jemima, daughter of Elijah Horton, came from Stroudsburg, Pa. to Sheshequin, 1791. He made the journey up the river in a canoe with his wife, two children and a few household effects. In 1800, Mr. Gustin sold his improvements at Hornbrook and moved across the river to the mouth of Hemlock Run, where he remained three years, then pushed up Sugar Creek, locating permanently in Burlington township. The children of Eliphalet and Jemima Gustin were: Timothy H., Freelove, Joshua, Simeon, John, Sally, Polly, Phebe, Rosanna, Rosilla, Eliphalet, Mary A.

Timothy Horton died in War of 1812.

John married 1st Mrs. Fannie Lane, 2nd Miss Betsy Mead and lived in Burlington.

Rosilla married Samuel Wright.

Eliphalet, Jr. married, March 31, 1833, Cynthia Clark and lived in Burlington.

Mary A. married Richard Rundell. Mr. Gustin married, 1822, for his second wife, Sally Mills. He died July 1, 1860 upon his farm at Luther's Mills.

John Schrader came to Towanda in 1791, removing to Powell, 1801, settling where the tannery now is. He was a Hessian soldier and was captured with others at the battle of Trenton. Soon afterwards, he espoused the American cause and joined Washington's army. He served 2½ years in Count Pulaski's dragoons He fought at the battle of Brandywine and came near being captured. "Three

times the Count and his legion of horsemen charged the British center before it gave way. Schrader and some thirty others broke through, but the line was immediately closed, thus cutting off the brave men from the rest of their troop. Schrader must get out of that or be hung for deserting the British cause. The thirty wheeled upon the back of the newly formed line, with hacks and hewings from saber and cutlass. Pulaski, determinsd to save his men, charged and recharged and finally rescued Schrader and fifteen of his comrades. However, before the rescue, a redcoat stepped up to Schrader and thrust his bayonet into his hip, and in a few minutes the blood was running over the top of his boot. . Schrader once being asked what he then did, reiterated: 'O, mine gut, sir, you eats no more breat in Englant. Mine saber sphlitt him to his shoulters. I mate two men of him, but dey vere both deat men'."

After the war it appears that Schrader settled at Hagerstown, Md., where he married, thence found his way into Northumberland county, coming from there to Bradford. From the fact of his having settled near the creek, which joins the main stream at Powell, it was called the "Schrader" in his memory. He died in Monroe after 1826, at an advanced age and was buried at Coles. The children of John and Catherine Schrader were: John, Harmon, Katie, Betsy, Polly, Frederick and Samuel.

James Rockwell, a native of East Windsor, Conn., came to Wyalusing Creek below Stevensville, it is claimed, in 1790, being the first permanent settler within Pike township. He early grew tobacco, established a brick-yard on his farm and supplied the settlers with brick when required.

Seth P. Rockwell, a brother of James, born in 1770, came from Connecticut, 1791, locating on what is known as Rockwell Creek in Pike township. He came empty-handed and alone, chopping a road up to his settlement which he called Newtown. For seven years his nearest neighbor was Nathan Abbott on Wyalusing Creek. In 1796 Mr Rockwell married, and the following summer brought his wife to his home in the wilderness. As winter came on he returned East with his wife and continued this practice each year until he had cleared sufficient land to produce their living. He had a crude process of turning hides into leather, from which he made shoes for himself and family. He also had a pioneer mill mortar and spring-pole pestle – in which corn was cracked for use. This was the only mill in the neighborhood for a long time and was free to all, provided they did their own pounding. Located as he was in a great wilderness, Mr. Rockwell had

many exciting experiences with wild animals. His son, S. Joab Rockwell, afterwards occupied the improvements made by him.

Benjamin Ackley, a native of New Milford, Conn., born, 1769, came to Wyalusing in 1791. He was a blacksmith by occupation and the first regular one to locate in the township. He was a man of considerable ability and for a number of years was justice of the peace. He married first Emeline Gordon, by whom he had children: Lloyd, Harry, Niram, Olive (Mrs. Harris Scofield), Mary Ann (Mrs. Aholiab Taylor) and Hannah (Mrs. John Black). For his second wife, Mr. Ackley married Amy, daughter of Thomas Lewis. Their children were: Sally, Cordelia (Mrs. Moses Tyler), Caroline (Mrs. Alphonso Lloyd), Sterling, Justus and Benjamin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ackley died, 1855.

Harry, born April 5, 1795, was one of the Tuscarora pioneers. He was a man of excellent mind and sterling worth, and performed many public duties. He was captain of a company of sharp-shooters in old militia days, and in 1851 was elected an associate judge of Bradford county, serving a term of five years. He married, 1814, Miss Abigail Bennett of Connecticut. Their children were: Angeline (Mrs. Milton Lewis), Ferris, Alfred, Lucretia (Mrs. John Lum), Nancy (Mrs. Washington Taylor), Demmon, Lorenzo, Harry S., Helen (Mrs. Stephen Bowen), Sophia (Mrs. Stuart Biswork) and Henry. Judge Ackley died January 11, 1864, aged 69 years.

Christopher Cowell, who had married Rachel, sister of Moses Coolbaugh of Wysox, joined the settlement of the latter, 1791. In 1818 he and his son, Conrad, purchased a farm in Macedonia, opposite the Moger narrows, to which they moved. Rachel Cowell was one of the first members of the original church organization at Wysox. Mr. Cowell lost his life, February 14, 1825, by being drowned in the river, then in his 66th year. His wife died September 22, 1841, in her 77th year. Their children were: Betsy, Esther, Conrad, Polly, William, John and Susan.

Betsy married William Martin, lived in Standing Stone.

Esther married William Horton, lived in Sheshequin.

Conrad married Phœbe ———; died in early manhood.

Polly married John Watts, lived in Canton.

William married Achsah Robinson and lived in Macedonia. Children: Jesse R., Christopher, Christiana (Mrs. George Coolbaugh), Chauncy R., Seldon S., Abiah (Mrs. H. S. Hollon), Charles G., Philip W. and George E.

John married and lived in Ohio.

Philip married and lived in Ohio.

Susan married James Kelly, lived in Ohio.

Benjamin Brink was born August 29, 1763, of Dutch parentage, at Kingwood, Morris county, N. J. He removed to Lower Smithfield, Northampton county, Pa., where he was living at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war. In the Spring of 1780 he enlisted as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Henry Shoemaker, Col. John Chambers' regiment, for the term during the war. The nature of his services and the duties performed by him were confined to the line of fortifications upon the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware river to protect the settlers from the Indians and Tories. He was employed in garrison duty, building and repairing forts; taking his regular turn in mounting guard on sentry, spies and scouts; received his honorable discharge the latter part 1783. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Elijah Horton, and came with his father-in-law to Sheshequin, 1791. His wife died, 1830, and he, December 31, 1845. Their children were: Daniel, Jemima, Rachel, Benjamin, Elijah, John, Elizabeth, James and Hester.

Daniel, born June 5, 1787, was for many years extensively engaged in the mercantile business at Hornbrook; was elected county commissioner in 1842; sold his Sheshequin interests, 1854, moving to Rochelle, Ill., where he died, 1885, aged 98 years. He married Rachel, daughter of Jesse Smith. Their children were: Daniel, Benjamin, Polly (Mrs. Ithiel Horton), Jane (Mrs. James M. Peck), Matilda (Mrs. Thomas Minier), Betsy (Mrs. Joshua Horton), Sally (Mrs. Charles Horton).

Jemima, born February 1, 1789, married Jonas Smith; died December 23, 1825 in Sheshequin.

Rachel, born March 3, 1791, married John M. Smith; reared a large family; died March 7, 1872 in Sheshequin.

Benjamin, Jr., born May 12, 1793, married for his first wife a Miss Rogers. Their children were: Amanda and T. Worthy. He married, second, Polly, daughter of John C. Forbes. Children: Delilah (Mrs. Crans) and John. Mr. Brink died December 28, 1830.

Elijah, born May 3, 1795, followed shoemaking; died July 14, 1817, unmarried.

John, born February 8, 1798, married Amanda, daughter of Ebenenezer Segar. Children: Grace (Mrs. Percival Powell), Elizabeth (never married), Charles, Julia (died in girlhood) and John R. Mr. Brink died November 23, 1874.

Elizabeth, born December 8, 1799, married Henry Bensley of Barton, N. Y., and had three children: John, Archibald and Mary.

James, born November 28, 1801, married Mary Ann Bensley, sis-

ter of Henry, the husband of Elizabeth Brink. Children: William, Benjamin, Isaac, Seeley, Victoria (Mrs. A. J. Layton), James. Mr. Brink died May 11, 1881.

Hester, born July 24, 1806, married Archibald Forbes; was the mother of a large family; died March 13, 1901, aged nearly 95 years.

Joshua Bailey, a native of Orange county, N. Y., in 1791, having attained his majority, set out "to seek his fortune in the new country." Upon reaching Wyalusing, he found the family of Amos Bennett, former neighbors. He remained with the Bennetts until the following Spring (1792), when he married Mr. Bennett's daughter, Susan, and moved to the place which he had selected on Sugar Creek in North Towanda. Here about an acre had been cleared by the Indians by burning down the trees. Corn-stalks were yet standing in their hills, left by the red men. Mr. Bailey constructed a cabin out of poles and covered it with bark. When the cold weather set in, the cracks between the poles were mudded to make the cabin more comfortable. For a floor, slabs, four feet long, were split out of a pine tree. His home in the wilderness was most dismal, ferocious wild beasts prowling around by day and by night. Amos Bennett, his brother-in-law, living a mile down the creek, was his nearest neighbor. The first year Mr. Bailey cleared about four acres and planted the same to corn and potatoes. He had a good crop, but there was no mill for many miles where he could get his corn ground. So he resorted to the Indian's invention and made a "samp-mortar" for cracking corn, a very slow and laborious process. The next year Mr. Bailey went back to Orange county and brought on his return a horse, cow, heifer and yoke of oxen. His sheep and hogs were confined in strong pens at night to be kept from destruction by the wolves, panthers and bears. Mr. Bailey was a typical pioneer, and continued his hard and faithful labors until he had cleared and improved his farm, where he died February 14, 1861, aged nearly 92 years. The children of Joshua and Susan Bailey were:

Pruda, born May 30, 1795, married Stephen Avery, moved to Ohio.

Joshua Jr., born December 4, 1796, married Polly Gregg, occupied part of the homestead.

Nehemiah, born January 2, 1797, married Lydia Brague, moved West.

Nathaniel, born February 5, 1801, married Eleanor Carpenter, lived in North Towanda.

Anna, born August 20, 1802, married Andrew C. Gregg of Towanda.

Phoebe, born April 1, 1804, married Austin Rundell of Burlington.

Susan, born February 20, 1806, married William McNeal of North Towanda.

Polly, born September 16, 1807, married Harry Coolbaugh of Asylum.

Mehitable, born May 7, 1809, married Gordon Goff, lived in Tioga county, Pa.

John, born February 26, 1812, married Abigail Slater, died in the Civil war.

Clara (twin of John) married Alfred Strope of Rome.

Enos, born December 26, 1814, married 1st Sabra Wilcox, 2nd Amy Strope.

Jeremiah, born November 19, 1817, married Electa, daughter of Thomas Baldwin of Troy, always lived on the homestead, where he died, aged 74 years. Children: Thomas J., Newton J., Susan, Joseph, Dora (Mrs. S Slater), Lucy (Mrs. Perry Hess) and Jeremiah.

John Taylor, born January 7, 1770 in Dauphin county, Pa. of Scotch-Irish parentage, came to Wyalusing, 1792, purchasing a property formerly occupied by Amos Bennett. "He was a model of energy, punctuality, uprightness, fortitude and Christian integrity." He was one of the fathers of the Wyalusing Presbyterian church, for forty years its clerk and served as deacon and ruling elder until his death. He occupied a prominent position in the old militia and was familiarly known as "Major Taylor." After coming to Wyalusing, May 16, 1794, he married Deborah, daughter of Capt. Aholiab and Lucretia (York) Buck. He died October 17, 1855. His wife, born March 25, 1778, "was for more than sixty years his faithful partner, and united with him in dispensing a generous hospitality to all who loved the name of Christ." She died September 26, 1855. They were the parents of seventeen children, ten of whom grew up, as follows:

Aholiab, born July 16, 1796, married Mary A. Ackley.

George, born November 16, 1797, married Abigail Baldwin.

John, born September 7, 1799, married Betsy Stevens.

Justus, born March 6, 1801, married Helsibett Jenkins.

Miner, born January 31, 1806, married Ellen Grant.

Lucretia, born July 25, 1807, married Josiah Jewett.

Martha, born April 29, 1809, married Henry Gaylord.

Deborah, born December 10, 1810, married Burton Edwards.

Washington, born December 28, 1811, married Nancy Ackley.

Bascom, born August 3, 1814, married Lydia, daughter of James and Margaret (Cool) Fries of Troy, died 1872. Children: Samuel F., Justus V., John B., Francis and Alton S.

John Horton, son of Lieut. Israel and Sarah (Lee) Horton, was born July 30, 1763, at Goshen, N. Y. He was a descendant in the 6th generation from Barnabus Horton and a distant cousin of Elijah Horton, an early settler of Sheshequin. During the latter part of the Revolutionary war he served in Colonel Hathorn's regiment New York state troops, being stationed first at Mamakating Hollow and afterwards on Neversink Creek. In 1787 he removed to the Wyoming Valley, where he remained till 1792 when he moved into the wilderness at Terrytown, Bradford county. He was decidedly enterprising and the leading spirit in the community. He filled many local offices, was elected the first coroner of Bradford county, was major of Militia and popularly known as "Major Horton." In 1805 he built the first framed barn in Terry township, and in 1806 the first framed dwelling house. Major Horton had married, April 9, 1785, at Little Britain, N. Y., Deborah, daughter of Parshall and Deborah (Clark) Terry. She was one of the inmates of Forty Fort the night after the battle and massacre at Wyoming, and the recollections of those terrible scenes were strongly impressed upon her memory till the day of her death, and she never could relate them without tears. She was a woman of marked character, great energy and deep piety. Major Horton died April 28, 1848, and at his funeral "a larger concourse of people were gathered than had ever before been witnessed in that part of the county on a funeral occasion." His wife, born May 25, 1766, died May 25, 1844. Their children were: Ebenezer, Anna, Lydia, John, Eunice, Sally, Betsy, Francis, George F., Edmund and Harry M.

Ebenezer, born January 9, 1786, married Mary, daughter of Jonathan Terry, lived at Sugar Run, died, 1826. Children: Nathaniel T., Hiram, Jason P., Julia, Eunice, Ebenezer, Addia Jane, Lydia Ann.

Anna, born October 21, 1788, died unmarried, August, 1813.

Lydia, born March 14, 1791, married John P. Stalford of Wyalusing.

John, born March 23, 1793, was for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits at Terrytown and was a highly successful business man. He was one of the leading Democrats of the county, served many years as constable and justice of the peace and as county treasurer, 1849-'51. He was captain and then major in the Militia, and from 1828 to 1835 brigade inspector. He married 1st Nancy G. Miller; 2nd Lydia (Kimball) Molther, their son, Col. Joseph H. Horton, was a distinguished soldier in the Civil war; 3rd Amanda Cross. Mr. Horton died February 21, 1867.

Eunice, born January 14, 1796, married Thomas Ingham of Sugar

Run, died March 2, 1844. She was the mother of J. Washington Ingham and Judge Thomas J. Ingham.

Sally, born May 29, 1798, married John Morrow of Wilmot, was the mother of Judge Paul D. Morrow.

Betsy, born December 27, 1800, married Francis Baillett.

Francis, born June 7, 1803, died unmarried.

George F., born January 2, 1806, married Abigail, daughter of William Terry; was for many years a practicing physician at Terrytown; was a member of the Constitutional convention, 1873, and the author of "Chronicles of the Horton Family"; died December 20, 1886.

Edmund, born August 9, 1808, Martha A. Robinson, lived at Terrytown; died April 12, 1883.

Harry Morgan, born September 24, 1811, read medicine and died soon after his graduation from Jefferson College, unmarried.

Job Irish came from Columbia county, N. Y., to Wysox, 1792, afterwards removing to Towanda township, locating on the Patton place, which he sold to Capt. George Alger. He then moved to Monroe township. Irish was a man of considerable talent and became somewhat noted as a pettifogger and Methodist exhorter. In local matters he took an active part. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Salisbury of Monroe. Mr. Irish died April 5, 1825, aged 52 years, and his wife, May 1, 1836, aged 63 years. Their children were: *Henry*, who married Polly, daughter of John Schrader, and moved West; *Jedediah* married Mahala, daughter of Selah Arnout of Monroe, moved to Mauch Chunk and became a man of considerable prominence; *Betsy* married Ebenezer Titus of Smithfield; *Susan* married Ephraim Ladd, Jr. of Albany; *Catharine* married Isaac Ellsworth and moved West; *Polly*; *Job*; *George*; *Ferdinand* or (Frederick). The sons all left the county

Stephen Ballard came from Framingham, Mass., to Sugar Creek, 1792, and selected a home, now the J. D. Blackwell farm in West Burlington. After making necessary preparations he returned East and the next year brought his family. Upon locating in the wilderness he supplied himself from Judge Gore's store, the following being among the articles: "Conk-shell, buckshot, 18 flints, 5 pounds shot, leather, cloth and thread, quire paper, penknife, 2 pounds lead, snuff, tea, quantity whisky, woolen-wheel and sundries. Later he was credited by reaping, mowing and raking, flax, corn, ax-handles, cash, yoke and bows, hay and mare." Mrs. Ballard was one of the original "band of praying mothers on Sugar Creek" Mr. Ballard made valuable improvements, selling prior to 1812 and removed to Green county, Ohio,

where with others of the family he established an important settlement and numerous descendants still reside. He had a large family, one of the daughters, Elizabeth, married John Gamage and remained in West Burlington.

In 1793 when Mr. Ballard moved his family to Sugar Creek, his cousins, John and Nathaniel Ballard, twins, then in their 17th year, came with him. They selected homes and the next year, 1794, brought in their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ballard, and the rest of the family.

Joseph Ballard located half a mile above the old church in West Burlington. He had married Betsey Cloise. She died May 2, 1804, and he in 1806. Their children were: John and Nathaniel (twins), Nathan, Lyman, Joseph, Josiah, Anna, Mehitabel, Betsy and Polly.

Nathan, Lyman, Joseph and *Josiah* settled in Ohio.

Anna married William Pratt.

Mehitabel married David Miller.

Betsy married William G. Dobbins.

Polly died unmarried, 1806.

John Ballard, born December 27, 1778, in Vermont, came to Sugar Creek, 1793, and occupied with his father the homestead. He married 1st Mary Dobbins and had children: Joseph, Harriet and Wealthy. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard having separated, he afterwards married Betsy, daughter of Alexander Lane. Their children were: William, Myron and Lamira (twins), John and Alexander. Mr. Ballard was a courageous and enterprising pioneer. He died, 1859.

Harriet married John M. Means, Towanda.

Wealthy married John Vroman, Granville.

William married Miss Swartwood of Burlington, removed to Michigan.

Myron married a daughter of Jabez Smith, Burlington, removed to Michigan. Eugenia, their eldest child, married Lorentus Ward and remained in West Burlington.

Lamira married George A. Johnson and lived in Granville. Children: Elvira (Mrs. Horace Spencer) and William E.

John married Caroline Litzleman, moved to Colorado.

Alexander married and went to Missouri.

Nathaniel Ballard, twin brother of John, born December 27, 1778, in Vermont, lived upon his farm, selected, 1793, in West Burlington, until 1833, when he moved to Columbia township, where he died November 1, 1861. He married Susannah, daughter of William and Mary (McLean) Dobbins. Their children were:

Myron was a man of prominence, and served as commissioner and associate judge of Bradford county. He married Thankful, daughter of Moses Calkins. Their children were: Charles H., Mary A., Horace A., Benjamin M., Jane E. (Mrs. Hezekiah Peck), Addison M., Susannah C. (Mrs. John H. Watkins). Mr. Ballard died January 16, 1878 in Columbia.

Celestia married Joel Stevens, Columbia.

Betsy married Addison McDowell.

Hugh Rippeth, a native of Ireland, who had married Huldah, daughter of John Franklin and cousin of Arnold Franklin, came to Lower Sheshequin about 1792, settling on the Johnson place. Here he died about 1805. He had two sons and two daughters. One of the daughters, *Jane*, married Salmon Beardsley and lived near Rochester, N. Y. The elder son, *William*, married Polly, daughter of Samuel Shores and lived on Shores Hill.

Josiah Marshall, who had married Sibyl Brown, came from the Wyoming Valley to Sheshequin, 1792. He was a man of considerable activity in the new settlement, and filled the offices of supervisor of highways and constable. He died March 11, 1804, in his 42nd year. His children were: Samuel, Thomas, Edward, Josiah B., Elizabeth and Sarah.

Samuel married Hannah, daughter of Samuel Hoyt, occupied a part of the homestead, where he died January 9, 1840, in his 49th year. He had a family of several children, all of whom removed from the town.

Thomas married Lucy, daughter of George Kinney, occupied a portion of the homestead, where he died March 16, 1850, in his 58th year. He had no children.

Josiah B. married Charlotte, daughter of John Goodwin of Kingston, Pa. He was a man of considerable prominence, but shamefully deserted his family, going to the Sandwich Islands, thence to California, where, it is claimed, he was the Marshall who discovered gold on the American river in 1848. He left the following children: Jane (Mrs. Abraham Gore), Caroline, Sibyl, Emily (Mrs. Albert Botsford), Thomas, Wallace, Lemuel and Samuel (twins).

Elizabeth married John F. Satterlee of Athens, died December 5, 1871, aged 77 years.

Sarah married Edmund Hill of Sheshequin.

Sibyl Marshall after the death of her husband, married Ebenezer Segar and reared a second family.

Morris Wilcox, a rider of race horses, came to Ulster about 1792. He married Millie, daughter of Chester Bingham, and died about 1806 while out of the county attending races. He left the following children: *Martha*, who married William Clark, Burlington; *Mary* married George E. Arnout, Monroe; *Jerusha* married Stephen Powell, North Towanda; *James* married Ruth Lane, lived at Luthers Mills, reaching remarkable old age; *Sally* married Cephas Clark, Burlington; *Sabra* married Enos Bailey, North Towanda. Mrs. Wilcox died with her daughter, Mrs. Arnout in Monroe.

Wright Loomis emigrated from Connecticut with his family to Queen Esther's flats, Athens township, 1792. "He came in true Yankee style with a yoke of oxen and a horse ahead, drawing the wagon packed with household goods, the children walking all the way." Mr. Loomis purchased of Samuel Swift, who had occupied the place a year, he having bought of Uriah Stephens and Solomon Bennett, who made the original settlement, 1784, remaining six years. Loomis's became the rallying point of the settlers, and for many years elections for the upper part of the county were held there. After the death of Mr. Loomis, his sons, Erastus and Theodorus, occupied the place.

The Camps are of English origin and their lineage has been traced back to 1591 when the family was living in Essex county. Nicholas Camp, his wife, Sarah, and their family came from England, 1631, in the ship *Lion* with Rev. John Elliot. In 1638 they moved from New Haven to Milford, Conn. Nicholas Camp was one of the founders and freeholders of Milford, 1639. His son, Nicholas, Jr., was a deputy to the general court, 1670-'1-'2 at Hartford. He had a son, Sergt. Samuel Camp, who married his cousin, Mary Camp; second wife, Rebecca, widow of Thomas Canfield. They had a son, John, who had a son, Israel. Israel married Anna Hine and was on the committee for the inspection of provisions during the Revolutionary war. He had a son, Job, who became one of the pioneers of Bradford county.

Job Camp was born November 16, 1749 at New Milford, Conn. During the Revolutionary war he served as captain of a company, bearing his name, in Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Seymour's regiment of Light Dragoons, Connecticut Militia. In 1792, he came to what is now Camptown, Bradford county, selected lands, planted a piece of corn, and after it was harvested, returned to Connecticut for his family, which, the next year, he brought into the unbroken wilderness. "He started from Connecticut with a yoke of oxen, which were used to transport his family and goods. Taking the usual course of the emi-

grants – across the country from the Hudson to Stroudsburg and through the great swamp—they reached the Susquehanna at Pittston. The route was a slow and toilsome one, but thus far there was a road along which they could drive a team, but up the river there was nothing but the narrow Indian path. They were therefore compelled to unyoke their oxen and drive them along singly. The cart, young members of the family, and household goods were then placed on a keel-boat, and two men were hired to push it up the river to Wyalusing. The progress was slow and the labor severe, and several days were necessary for the trip. It took all of Mr. Camp's crop of corn, raised the preceding year, to pay the boatmen, and the family were obliged to get along as best they could until another crop was harvested." Mr. Camp was a carpenter by trade and erected most of the first buildings on Wyalusing creek. The village of Camptown, where he settled, is so called in his memory. He married Anna, daughter of Samuel Oviatt of New Milford, Conn. Mr. Camp died January 17, 1822. His wife, born January 27, 1749, died November 25, 1825. Both are buried at Merryall. Their children were: Albert, Polly, Isaac, William, Clark, Elijah, Garry and Israel, all born in Connecticut but Israel.

Albert married and in 1800, settled in Middletown, Susquehanna county. He had sons, Isaac, Levi, Jonathan and Nelson and one daughter.

Polly married Joseph Ross of Pike.

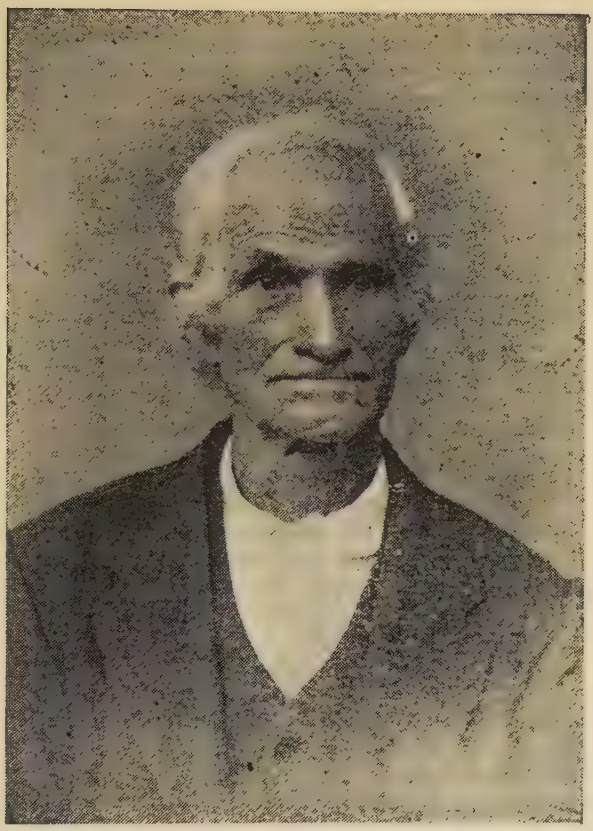
Isaac, born January 25, 1782, married, February 10, 1803, Mary Lacey. He learned the trade of millwright and was the inventor of the mould-board of the cast-iron plough. In 1825 he settled in Herrick and devoted his last years to farming. He died January 3, 1862, his being the first death of the children above named, whose aggregate ages, at this time, were over 620 years. His wife died in February, 1876, in her 92nd year. Their children were: Clark C., Isaac, Joseph, Lydia (Mrs. M. Weldon), Albert G., Marietta (Mrs. Chas. Overpeck), George S., Clarissa (Mrs. J. S. Crawford) and Thaddeus S.

William married Jedida Lacey, Laceyville.

Elijah married Sally, daughter of Amasa Wells.

Israel married Mercy, daughter of Guy Wells.

Nathan Northrup, a native of Connecticut, removed to Sussex county, N. J., thence to the Wyoming Valley, where he was residing at the time of the memorable battle, July 3, 1778. He fled from Forty Fort and made his escape. For a time he settled at Nanticoke, and in 1792 came up the river in a canoe, bringing such effects as the family possessed. He settled on the flats, east side of the Susquehanna, about



William Northrup.

a mile below Athens village. He established (1794) a ferry which he operated several years in connection with farming. Mr. Northrup had married about 1754 Sarah Crawford and had sons, Richard, John, Nehemiah, Bijah and James, and a daughter, Anna. He died in Monroe, December 17, 1804, in his 77th year. Mrs. Northrup afterwards espoused to Alexander Howden, died March 5, 1837, aged 105 years. "When past 90 years, she would spin eighty knots of yarn in a day, and when a century old she would take the floor and dance an old-fashioned step with the agility of a girl in her teens. After becoming a centenarian,

she would walk from her son's residence at Athens to the home of her children in Monroe, a distance of 22 miles."

Richard settled in the Genesee country.

Nehemiah ("Myer") married Sally Parks and occupied the homestead in Athens, where he died September 30, 1842, aged 81 years.

John for some years was waterman on the Susquehanna; in 1816 settled in Monroe and engaged in cutting mill-stones, keeping hotel, lumbering and farming. He married Polly Tallady of Wysox; died April 12, 1848, in his 79th year. Their children were: *Henry*, born June 17, 1801, attained remarkable old age; *Nathan*, born January 23, 1803, was a noted hunter; died April 14, 1890; *Polly*, born November 14, 1805, married Moratt Merithew; *Stephen*, born September 1, 1806; *John*, born March 19, 1810, died October 16. 1889; *Weltha*, born January 1, 1813, married John Cox.

James was a waterman, millwright and carpenter. He settled in Monroe, where he died, 1824, aged 53 years. He married first Easter Hollis and had children: *Sally* (Mrs. Gates VanRoss), *Easter* (Mrs. Jacob Ringer); *Ira* settled in the West. Married 2nd Althea Tallady of Wysox, children: *Nancy* (Mrs. Samuel Cranmer); *William*, born December 14, 1809, was one of the most noted, daring and the last of the old time hunters in the county. Some of his feats were very remarkable. He entered Bruin's cavern and shot him by the glare of his own eyes. He began active hunting at 16 and continued for 45 years, until game became scarcer. However, he kept up his annual hunts with the boys until past 80 years. His best record was 24 deer in a week and 1,500 in all. He killed scores of bears, a large number of elk, catamounts, wild cats and other animals. One of his most notable shots was in killing two deer and wounding a third. He was a man of average stature, great nerve and an unerring marksman. He was lithe, and erect in form even as an octogenarian. He was noted for his enduring powers, generous hospitality and true kindness of heart. His death occurred August 26, 1896. *Benjamin* was a prominent citizen of Monroe and Towanda; *Lucinda* married George Stage; *Cemantha* married Wm. Rockwell of Franklin; *Nathan* died in young manhood.

Bijah ("Bij") for a time lived on an island in the river above the mouth of Towanda creek. He was employed by Wm. Means for many years and was one of the most noted pilots on the Susquehanna. His last days were spent in Northrup Hollow. He married Sylvia Parks by whom he had a large family of children. A daughter, known as "Betsy Bij," was one of the most powerful females in northern Penn-

sylvania. She drove her own ox-team, plowed, chopped and took the shingles of her own manufacture to market. She could rive and shave 1,000 shingles in a day, the work of an expert shingle-maker. She even took large jobs of cutting logs, and swung her axe with a skill of a woodsman. She knew no fear, and most men let her have her own way.

Anna married David Ross.

Eli Holcomb, a native of Granby, Conn., emigrated with his family from Simmsbury, Conn., to Ulster, 1793, settling on Cash creek. He was enterprising and early erected a saw-mill on Cash creek, which supplied the lumber for the first plank houses in a large section of country. His saw-mill and corn-mill were in operation in or before 1795. Mr. Holcomb had married Hannah Crofut of Danbury, Conn. Both died in Ulster, the former, May 10, 1823, aged 82 years, and the latter, June 1, 1825, aged 84 years. They had six sons and two daughters as follows:

Selah, who married Sarah Wilcox in Connecticut, settled and died in Herkimer county, N. Y.

Hannah, the first pioneer woman of LeRoy, married Seeley Crofut and spent her days with her family in LeRoy.

Alpheus married Hannah Kingsbury and settled in LeRoy. He was for many years a deacon in the Baptist church there. His children were: Phineas W., Myron, Hobart, Martha (Mrs. John McKee), Celestia (Mrs. Ledyard Chaapel), Hannah (Mrs. Robt. McKee), and Phœbe Ann (Mrs. David Smiley).

Truman, born August 10, 1769, first settled in LeRoy, but in 1814 purchased 121 acres of the farm occupied by his father and located in Ulster permanently. He married first Seba Bannen, their children being Eli, Samuel B., Alfred, Seba (first Mrs. James Burk, second Mrs. Wm. Scott), Lucy B. (Mrs. Perley Morse), Minerva (Mrs. Weldon Galop), Delight (Mrs. Benj. Saxton), Lydia (Mrs. Thos. Kitchen). For his second wife Mr. Holcomb married Lydia Ladd of Albany. Their children were: Jared, J. Milton, Truman H., Charles W., Roxey (Mrs. John Cole), Julia Ann (Mrs. Daniel Cole), Lucinda (Mrs. Gurden H. Eaton), Nancy, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Ancel Olmstead). The father died December 25, 1848.

Hugh, born October 14, 1774, with his brother made the first settlement in LeRoy, where he died July, 1843. He married first a Miss Oakley by whom he had one son, Marlan. He married second Prudence Bailey of Granville, their children being: Alonzo, Orator, Harvey, Judson, Emeline (Mrs. Tyrus Himes), Ezra.

Sterling, born October 10, 1776, and his brother were the first permanent settlers in LeRoy, where he died March 22, 1850. He married Betsy Stone and had the following children: Louisa (Mrs. Levi Taylor), Sylvia (Mrs. Orison Royse), Hiram, Harry, Benjamin S., Sarah (Mrs. Elon A. Bailey), Seeley, Cynthia (Mrs. Andrew Spalding), Horace S., Betsy Matilda (Mrs. Luman D. Taylor), Chester, Hannah (Mrs. Chas. Bliss).

Jared married Hannah — — — and occupied a portion of the homestead in Ulster. He was for many years the Justice of the Peace. He died April 26, 1850 in his 70th year, and his wife, August 1, 1838 in her 66th year. They had no children.

Cynthia, born March 17, 1783, married Ebenezer Shaw of Sheshequin; was the mother of a large family; died April 10, 1868.

Vaughan Family—Family tradition has it that John Vaughan, who was a gardner to an English nobleman, became enamored with his daughter, Nancy Day. The affection being returned, they were secretly married and to escape the anger of the young lady's aristocratic parents, fled to America about 1750 and settled in Litchfield county, Conn. John and Nancy (Day) Vaughan had sons, John, Richard and Edward, and one daughter. *John* settled in Luzerne county, Pa., and was the father of a large family. *Edward* settled in New York state and died suddenly at Athens, Pa., while there on business.

Richard Vaughan, born August 16, 1755, at Ogleton, Conn., on September 1, 1777, enlisted in Capt. Peter Grant's company of Col. William Grayson's regiment, Foot Continental troops, and served until the close of the Revolutionary war. After the war he purchased a farm, Connecticut title, near the present village of Laceyville, where he moved his family. While residing here he was involved in the Yankee and Pennamite troubles. He was appointed and served as a lieutenant of militia of Luzerne county. He had married Ellen Race and had children: John, William, Phœbe, Robert, Rhoda, Anna, Polly, Justus, Richard and Elias. Mr. Vaughan died August 26, 1791, and his remains repose in the Wyalusing cemetery. Owing to difficulty over land title, Mrs. Vaughan and her sons moved, about 1792, to the mouth of Rummerfield creek, where they purchased other lands and began improvements. Here the mother and her eldest son, John, died. Of the other children :

William went to Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., and was a captain in the War of 1812.

Phoebe married William Eddy and located in Canada.

Robert settled at Rochester, N. Y.

Rhoda married Daniel Martin of Wysox.
Anna married Daniel Coolbaugh of Wysox.
Polly married Walter Seaman, settled in New York state.
Justus settled in Michigan.
Richard went to Canada.

Elias, born June 10, 1785, married Sarah Abbott of Baltimore, died November 1, 1865. In 1807 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Luzerne militia and subsequently promoted to a captaincy. In 1812 he was appointed postmaster for "Asylum, Luzerne county." He moved to Vaughan Hill in 1814, where he cleared a large farm and lived until the time of his death. He was a worthful citizen and a man of much importance in the neighborhood. The children of Elias and Sarah Vaughan were: Eleanor (1st Mrs. Samuel Lake, 2nd Mrs. Joshua Corbin), John, Elias, Harriet (Mrs. John M. Gamble), James, Edward W., Evander R., Alonzo, George, Rhoda, Mary S. (Mrs. John G. Keeler) and Orilla (Mrs. George B. Day).

Abraham Taylor, son of Daniel and Abigail Taylor, was born May 17, 1765, at New Milford, Conn. On June 1, 1780, he enlisted as a private under Capt. Daniel Camp in the regiment (Connecticut troops) commanded by Colonel Canfield and served six months. He married, March 30, 1786, Mary, daughter of Ethiel Stone of New Milford, and in 1792-'93 emigrated to Bradford county, settling in Pike township. Here the patriot father endured the hardships of pioneer life and died June 9, 1839. He is buried in the Stevensville cemetery. His wife, born December 28, 1767, died November 8, 1836. Their children were:

Polly married William Bradshaw, Pike.
Daniel married Olive Wells, Pike.
Alanson died in young manhood, unmarried.
Nathan married Anna B., daughter of Joseph Ross.
Miliacent married Roswell Kingsley, Wyalusing.
Abraham married Eunice Gregory.
Eunice married Harry Fessenden, Susquehanna county.
Ethiel married Immira Stevens of Stevensville.
Charles died in boyhood.

Eleazer Russell, a native of Bridgeport, Conn., emigrated to Bradford county, 1792, from Ballston, N. Y., where he had lived for a time. He came with a yoke of oxen and a pair of 3-year-old steers on sleds in the month of March. At Tioga Point he was compelled to wait a week for the river to get clear of ice, before he could venture upon it with his goods loaded in a canoe. He floated down to Wyalu-

sing, then poled the canoe up Wyalusing creek, driving the cattle along the bank singly. He located upon lands selected in Pike township and labored early and late making improvements. Here, after a few years, he was killed by the fall of a tree which he was chopping. He had married Ruth, sister of Ephraim Fairchild. They had two sons and four daughters. Mrs. Rockwell afterwards married William Frink and removed to New Milford, Susquehanna county.

Ephraim Fairchild, a native of Litchfield county, Conn., who had served in the Revolutionary war, followed his brother-in-law, Eleazer Russell, to Pike, 1792-'93. He settled the Aden Stevens place, which he improved and where he died in March, 1822. He married Mary Platt, also a native of Litchfield county. She died, 1847, aged 91 years. Both are buried in the Stevensville cemetery. Their children were:

Edmund married Mehetabel Beardsley and became a Methodist exhorter.

David married Lucinda Bostwick.

Abel married 1st Miss King, 2nd Matilda Brister. He practiced medicine, removing to California about 1851.

Mary married Lockwood King and removed to Western N. Y.

Huldah, one of the earliest school teachers, married Samuel Dyer.

Hannah and *Ruth* were other daughters.

Nathan Abbott came to Pike about 1792, settling near Seth P. Rockwell. He died, 1804. He is said to have been the father of Benjamin, John and Nathan. Benjamin Abbott was at Wyoming at the time of the massacre, and in his old age was fond of reciting thrilling incidents connected with the Valley. He spent most of his life in Rush, but died in Pike, 1858, aged 93 years.

Bostwick Family—The Bostwicks are of English origin, their history in this country dating to about 1659, when three brothers, John, Arthur and Zachariah Bostwick, came from Cheshire and located at Stratford, Conn. John, (one of the brothers, or son of Arthur), removed, 1707, to New Milford, Conn., being the second person to settle in that town. He had a son, John, who married Mercy Bushnell. They had a son, Benajah, who married Hannah Fisk. Their eldest child was David, who married Hannah Hill. They had four sons and two daughters, the eldest being Dimon and Benajah

Dimon Bostwick, born October 7, 1770, was reared and educated at New Milford. "He was an admirable surveyor and draughtsman, and was versed in mathematics, general literature, history and theology." In 1792 he left his home to seek his fortune amid the wilds of

Pennsylvania Coming into Bradford county, he went up Wyalusing creek and selected his future home in Pike township. Soon after staking his claim he joined a party of surveyors and engaged in surveying most of his time until 1796, when he returned to New Milford and married Lois, daughter of David Olmstead. With ox-team he brought his young wife into the wilderness to commence housekeeping in the log house which he had constructed. Dimon and his brother, Benajah, purchased large tracts of land, Connecticut title, and worked together some years before dividing. "Both were men of great strength of character, and were remarkable for principles of justice, integrity and honesty, and were liberal supporters of the Episcopal church, of which they were zealous members." They were heroic and enterprising pioneers. Dimon died December 3, 1856, aged 86 years. His wife, "possessed of much beauty of person and energy of character," died in her 81st year. Their children were: Almira (Mrs William Ross), Eliza (Mrs. Samuel Marks), Julia, Randolph, Penett Marshall, Valvasa, Esther, Hannah and Sarah (Mrs. George P. Hopkins).

Benajah Bostwick, born February 17, 1776, came to Pike some years after his brother. He married Mary Olmstead, sister of his brother Dimon's wife. Their children were: Hannah, Lucinda (Mrs. David Fairchild), Silas Jackson and Harriet (Mrs. Joshua Burrows). Mr. Bostwick died, 1864, aged 88 years.

John Keeler, born, 1722, at Milton, Conn., was a tailor by occupation. During the Revolutionary war, July 1, 1776, he enlisted and served as an ensign in the company of Capt. Noble Benedict of Fairfield county. He assisted in the defense of Ft. Washington and upon its fall was made prisoner. He also served, 1779, in Col. Nehemiah Bardsley's regiment as an ensign. He married Abigail Copley of New Milford, Conn., who was born April 26, 1723, and died February 5, 1789. They had children: Elisha, Ruth and Abigail. In 1793 Mr. Keeler accompanied his children to Pike, where he died September 17, 1795. His remains rest in the Stevensville cemetery.

Elisha Keeler, born 1764, at Milton, Conn., enlisted March 13, 1782, and served in the 2nd Connecticut regiment during the balance of the Revolution. Having purchased 330 acres, Connecticut title, in Bradford county, in the Spring of 1793 he set out from New Milford with an ox-team and horse to reach and occupy his acquisition. He was accompanied by his wife, three children, aged father, John Keeler, sister Ruth, a tailoress (never married), also sister, Abigail, and her husband, John Bradshaw. They came up the river, thence Wyalusing creek, which they crossed nine times, to Stevensville. Here Mr.

Keeler began improvements and in 1804 added merchandising in a small way. After three or four years he closed out his goods and engaged in wool-carding in company with Guy Wells. Their machine was one of the first brought in the country. Mr. Keeler married about, 1786, Lucina, daughter of Capt. John and Hannah (Westover) Warner of New Milford. He died November 12, 1814, and his wife born, 1767, died March 6, 1834. Both lie in the Stevensville cemetery. Their children were:

Orabella, born July 30, 1787, married Loomis Wells.
Charles, born May 12, 1789, married Lucy Nichols.
Marietta, born June 21, 1791, married John Elliott.
Mary (Polly), born November 25, 1793, married Justus Lewis.
Elisha, Jr., born December 15, 1796, married Mary Lovett.
John, born December 17, 1800, married Elizabeth Gregory.
Lucy, born March 16, 1798, married Roswell Coburn.

Zina Dunbar, a native of Connecticut, born March 24, 1770, who was a carpenter by occupation, came with others to the Sugar Creek valley, 1791. He finally located at what is known as Long's Mills, Troy township, and there resided until his death, March 28, 1852. He had married Bethiah Ward, who died September 1, 1844, aged 81 years. Their eight children were:

Roswell married Asenath Ayers, Troy.
Dana married Cynthia Case, Troy.
Alanson married Martha Burk, Granville.
Linus married Elvira Packard, Granville.
Huldah married Truman Merry, Burlington.
Asenath married Thomas M Scott, Troy.
Betsy married Ralph Wheeler, Troy.
Sally married Andrew Ayres, Troy.

Samuel Gilbert, a native of Connecticut, born, March, 1742, removed from Colchester to the Wyoming Valley, thence about 1792 came to Asylum, locating permanently at Frenchtown. In his case the usual hardships of the pioneer were considerably mitigated by the appliances of comfort of the neighboring French. He married, June 12, 1769, Mary, sister of Major Oliver Dodge. Mr. Gilbert died October 12, 1813, and his wife, born September 20, 1749, died January 7, 1833. Their children were: Lydia, Irene (Mrs. Jabez Chamberlain), Hannah, Eunice (Mrs. Hamilton), Anne, Fanny (Mrs. Charles Brown), Nancy (Mrs. Peck), Daniel, Samuel and Oliver.

Daniel married Mary Wythe and lived in Towanda and Monroe

townships. He died April 13, 1835, aged 52 years. He was the father of Nelson, John and Samuel.

Oliver married Lucretia Ely and occupied the homestead. Children: *Mary* (Mrs. Francis Homet); *Hiram* married Mary Ann Woodruff; *Richard E.* married Harriet Hannon.

Samuel occupied a part of the homestead; died unmarried.

The Tuttles—Arad, Joel, Josiah and William Tuttle from Connecticut came to Ulster about 1792. They were evidently all of the same family, and it is known that Arad, Joel and Josiah were brothers.

Joel Tuttle removed to Standing Stone, 1812, settling at the lower end of the narrows. Here he continued to reside until the time of his death; and both he and his wife were buried on the farm. He had married Rebecca Pierce of Chemung, N. Y. Their children were:

Alfred married Hannah Mingle.

Harvey married Margaret, sister of Hannah Mingle; removed West and died in Wisconsin.

Alby married Emily Humphrey, lived in Orwell.

Minerva married Anson Goff, Standing Stone.

Harriet married John Bennett, Asylum.

Jane married Heman Clark and removed to Illinois.

Rebecca married George Hopkins and lived in Illinois.

Rachel married Chester Kingsley and removed West.

Celestia married Wesley Vannest and removed West.

The father (probably William) of Joel Tuttle is said to have died in Standing Stone.

Josiah Tuttle, born October 28, 1774, in Connecticut, removed from Ulster to Sheshequin, 1799, settling at Hornbrook on the J. F. Blackman place. He married Jerusha, daughter of Chester Bingham. Both were faithful Universalists and original members of the first class of that denomination in the county. Mr. Tuttle was a sincere Mason and noted for his benevolence. He died June 21, 1830. His wife, born December 17, 1774, died November 28, 1857. They reared a family of seven stalwart sons (all six feet or over tall) and three daughters:

Chester, born June 18, 1795, married Maria, daughter of James Moore, died January 5, 1848.

Dorinda, born March 10, 1799, married a Mr. Lemon, died October 25, 1862, in Minnesota.

Edwin, born January 17, 1803, married Keziah Kinner, died in Rome township.

Joseph B., born May 5, 1805, married Eliza Horton, died in Illinois.

Albert, born July 23, 1807, married Delight Horton, removed to New Ulm, Minn., and became a man of prominence, serving several terms as a member of the State Legislature. During the Sioux outbreak, 1863, his son, William, a son-in-law and a nephew were slain in the massacre near New Ulm.

Calvin W., born August 8, 1810, married Julia, daughter of Peter Barnard, removed to Minnesota, where he practiced law and died.

William C., born March 20, 1813, married Permilla Horton, widow of Isaac Smith, died May 20, 1889, in Litchfield.

Eliza E., born March 31, 1814, married Albert Hebard, died August 22, 1871, in Minnesota.

Ethan B., born March 26, 1817, married Lucinda Horton, died October 15, 1869, in Ulster.

Sarah A., born December 6, 1819, married Francis S. Ayer, died September 30, 1868, in Sheshequin.

Timothy Culver, a patriot of the Revolution, came to Sheshequin about 1792–'93. In 1775 he enlisted under Captain Trowbridge in Colonel Wooster's regiment and served seven months. His soon re-entered the service, joining the regiment of Colonel Elmore under Captain Parmele, in which command he served one year. In 1778 he finally enlisted in the regiment of Colonel Welles, under Captain Judd, and served until the close of the war. He had entered the service as a private, but earned the rank of sergeant before his discharge. In one of the engagements with the enemy he was captured, and while a prisoner with others was compelled to unload a cargo of salt. The sacks in which the salt was packed were very heavy. These he was required to carry upon his back from the ship. So persistently was he kept at work that the flesh was fairly ground off his back, making great sores which were long in healing The scars he carried to his grave, but he never forgave nor forgot the British for their cruelty. After the close of the war, Sergeant Culver married and settled on the Calneska in New York. Here he reared a family of three sons, Amasa, Fred and Leander, and five daughters. His wife having died, he removed to Buckville; subsequently became acquainted with and married Mary Brink, sister of Benjamin Brink, a Revolutionary soldier, residing in Sheshequin. He was a carpenter by occupation and did the building in the new settlement. He is remembered as a kindly, genial old gentleman, highly esteemed by all his neighbors. In his closing years he was given a pension by the government, which he had served so faithfully and well. He died September, 1829, aged 88 years, and is buried in

the Hornbrook cemetery beside his wife. The children of Timothy and Mary (Brink) Culver were:

James married Margaret French, died in Tuscarora. Children: Daniel, Harriet, Mary, Aaron B., Timothy, Adolphus, Josephine, Jarvis J. and Margaret.

Charity married 1st David Thindy, 2nd Anthony Middaugh, by whom she had four sons and five daughters.

Daniel Bunnell, born April 19, 1807, married Josephine Horton, died August 5, 1856. Children: Lafayette J., Hiram L., James P., Orrin D., Emily (Mrs. L. H. Kilmer) and Mahlon.

Elijah Head about the year 1792–'93 moved in on pack-horses from Dutchess county, N. Y., settling what was afterwards known as the Daniel Bowman place, Towanda township. Becoming tired of the privations in the new country, he determined to look for a more favorable location. For this purpose he went into the state of New York where he was accidentally killed. He had married Catharine, daughter of Major James Swartwout, and had two children. His widow afterwards married Henry Salisbury, Jr. of Monroe.

George Head, also from Dutchess county, with a large family, came to Monroe, 1793–'94. Of his children were Alexander, Benjamin, George, John, Samuel and Catharine, the wife of Henry Salisbury, Sr. Mr. Head died about 1800. John and Benjamin lived at Greenwood some years, where the latter was killed by lightning.

George, Jr. married Jane, daughter of James Campbell and lived on Sugar creek several years. They had two sons and ten daughters: *Betsy* married Daniel Lenox of Ulster; *Hannah* married John Ross, Burlington; *Polly* married Hoyt Ballard, Burlington; *Jane* married Mr. Dodge, Columbia; *Sally* married Mr. Comfort, Springfield; *Catharine* married Samuel Carr, Alfred, N. Y.; *Amy* lived in New York state; *Rachel* married a Mr. Ward, lived in New York state; *James* and *George* both went West.

The Kingsburys are supposed to have been of Scotch-Irish origin, having fled from the oppressions of the Old World to New England in the latter part of the 16th century.

Joseph Kingsbury, son of Lemuel Kingsbury, a farmer, was born May 19, 1774, at Enfield, Conn. He received a good education and familiarized himself with the rules of surveying. At the age of 19, he bade adieu to his friends in the East, and with a horse, a small sum of money and a compass turned his face towards the Susquehanna to find a home and employment. He arrived at Sheshequin in the Spring of 1793, and at once engaged with General Spalding as a surveyor.

This service ultimately led to his appointment as an agent for the vast landed estate of Vincent LeRay de Chaumont. In 1797, Mr. Kingsbury was united in marriage with Anna, daughter of General Spalding. Upon the death of the latter, he became the owner of the old homestead containing the original mansion, and resided there until the close of his life. He filled many local positions of trust and responsibility, and for a number of years was colonel of Militia of his district and postmaster at Sheshequin. He was the first commissioners' clerk of the county.

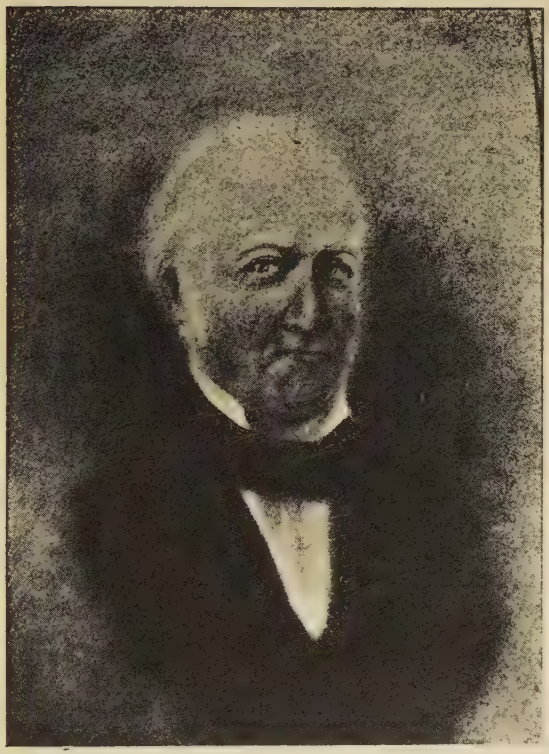
Colonel Kingsbury's biographer says: "He was a man of marked characteristics. Possessed of more than ordinary ability by nature, he had brought to the storehouse of his information large additions by thought and reflection, gained from extensive reading and observation. In the field of political discussion he was an adversary of acknowledged force. He was bold, terse and argumentive as a writer; modest, timid and reserved as a speaker. In disputes among the early settlers, he exercised an extensive influence, and by individual appeal as agent, he was instrumental in getting the interests abated from their land contracts by the foreign owners. He became connected at an early day with the Masonic fraternity and held a leading position in the order. From an early period to his death, he was a member and generous contributor to the religious denomination of Universalists. Exercising charity to all and including principles of morality and integrity in all around him, he strove to lay the foundation of good principles in the community and among those, who, with him had opened up the forests to the sunlight and let in the genial rays upon the hearts and homes of the pioneer settlers. He was of fine presence, tall and strongly built. His wife was a most amiable lady and bore well her part in the scenes of his active and useful life. Their home was the seat of a most generous and refined hospitality." Colonel Kingsbury died January 22, 1849, and his wife, September 18, 1864. Their children were:

Mary, born August 17, 1799, married Allen Smith and spent her last days in Towanda, died December 25, 1887.

Almira, born February 13, 1801, married Charles Comstock, died April 4, 1882, in Athens.

Byron, born March 20, 1803, married Wealthy Ann, daughter of Avery Gore, died September 3, 1859, in Towanda. He was the father of Hon. W. Wallace Kingsbury and Adolphus H. Kingsbury.

Burton, born March 30, 1805, married Rowena, daughter of Hon. George Scott, successfully engaged in business, Towanda, where he died June 15, 1871.



Col. Joseph Kingsbury.

Ann Eliza, born August 20, 1807, married Ira H. Stephens, died November 11, 1866, in Towanda.

Henry, born February 3, 1810, married Matilda Clisby, died June 28, 1887, in Towanda.

Joseph, born July 2, 1813, married Matilda, daughter of Col. Hiram Mix, was merchant, Deputy Collector of U. S. Internal Revenue, and treasurer and secretary of Towanda borough over 25 years, died May 1, 1895, in Towanda.

Marion, born September 30, 1815, married Hon. George Sanderson, died June 23, 1886, in Scranton, Pa.

Helen Mar, born July 11, 1819, married M. C Mercur, died April 8, 1841, in Towanda.

Lemuel S., born September 14, 1823, married Sarah Osborne, died May 9, 1902, on the homestead.

James Braffit and ***Gamaliel Jaqua***, single young men, came from Connecticut to Burlington, 1792. Braffit began improvements on the J. F. Morley farm and erected thereon (about 1804) the first framed house in the township. He married Rebecca Gore, whose mother was the second wife of Benjamin Clark of Ulster. Mr. Braffit died and his widow married Joseph Bloom and occupied the farm. Jaqua married Eleanor, daughter of James Campbell, but did not remain many years in the town.

John Bradshaw, who had married Abigail, daughter of John Keeler, came in company with his brother-in-law, Elisha Keeler, from Connecticut to Pike, 1793. He settled next to Abraham Taylor and died, 1814. His widow, who survived him many years, and her sons, Salmon and William, afterwards occupied the place.

William married Polly, daughter of Abraham Taylor, and had children: William Miner, Polly, John, Daniel, Betsy (Mrs. Whitaker) and Clarinda (Mrs. Whitaker).

Isaac Bronson (Brownson), born July 27, 1758, in Connecticut, enlisted, 1775, at New Milford in the American army, and served with the rank of adjutant as "Sea Coast Guard" during the greater part of the war. He was in the battle at Trenton. In 1793, in company with Elisha Keeler, he brought his family into the wilds of Pennsylvania From Pike he pushed up Wyalusing creek to the Forks, where he located, being the first settler in what is now Rush, Susquehanna county. Here he lived for nearly forty years amidst the perils and battling with the wild woods. He was prominent in the affairs of the new country, and was for several years a justice of the peace. In his declining years he removed with his wife to Bradford county and lived with his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Babcock, in Windham. Here he died August 23, 1853, in his 96th year. "In all his civil and social relations he was an honorable and useful citizen." Mr. Bronson had married Joanna Beardslee, who was born February 28, 1764, died October 24, 1842. Both are buried in Babcock Hill cemetery. Their children were:

Dr. Myron located at Joliet, Ill.
Elisha settled in Windham, Bradford county.
Isaac and *John* lived in Rush.
Theron died in Texas.

Laura married Mr. Goodsell, Apalachin, N. Y.

Anna married Benjamin Babcock of Windham.

Betsy married George Clagett, the first tailor of Montrose. She was the mother of the late Dr. William L. Clagett of Standing Stone.

Samuel Luckey of Sussex county, N. J., who had assisted in the survey of the State line westward from Athens, came to Pike, 1793. He built a house, cleared a piece of land, planted some corn and the next year moved in with his family. He was twice married and had two children by each wife.

Elijah Towner was born, 1759, at Danbury, Conn. He was a son of Abraham Towner, who died on Lake Champlain during the old French war. Elijah joined the American army and served under Arnold. He was taken prisoner on Lake Champlain, but was paroled and returned home. He, however, again joined the patriot army and continued in the service as a teamster until the close of the Revolution. He subsequently was given a pension by the government. While residing at Danbury he married Mary Knapp. From here he removed to New Lebanon, Columbia county, N. Y., where he lived a number of years. In 1793, in company with his second son, Enoch, he came to Sheshequin and stopped at General Spalding's, where he left Enoch and returned for his family, which the year following he brought to the Susquehanna. He came over the Catskills, reaching the river at Wattles' ferry, where he built a boat on which he loaded his family and household goods, and floated down with the current. In the journey the boat was nearly capsized on a snag, and many of the goods lost, but the family arrived safely. Enoch had sowed 13 acres of grain for General Spalding, his share of which was sufficient to support the family the first year of their settlement. Mr. Towner purchased 400 acres of Thayer, paying 400 Spanish milled dollars for the land and located it in the center of the Connecticut town of "Watertown," which was a little east of Towner Hill, on what was afterwards known as the Upham farm. His title proving worthless, he abandoned it and commenced clearing up a farm on Oak Hill. He improved 100 acres and put up a distillery, which he operated several years. The land coming into the hands of LeRay, he traded, 1806, his improvements for 300 acres, on what is now known as Towner Hill. Here he settled permanently and died October 7, 1840, in his 82nd year. His wife died February 21, 1841, aged 80 years, 6 months and 18 days. They rest in Towner cemetery. Their children were:

Ezra married Jane, daughter of Leonard Westbrook (page 191), died in 1804, leaving two sons and a daughter.

Enoch, born October 1, 1781, married Elizabeth, daughter of James Moore, died May 19, 1874, on Towner Hill. They had six sons and seven daughters.

Abraham married Lovina, daughter of Thaddeus Hemenway, removed to Ohio, where he died, 1857, aged 76 years.

John married a New London lady, died October 17, 1863, on Towner Hill, aged 78 years. He had four sons and two daughters.

Gersham married Sarah, daughter of Thaddeus Hemenway. He was a soldier War of 1812; worked at blacksmithing many years at Center Valley, where he died. He had seven children.

Elijah, Jr. married Alma, daughter of John M. Hicks. He is remembered as a "splendid singer," removed to Indiana where he died. He had four sons and four daughters.

Anna died unmarried past 80 years.

Joseph married Amelia Pratt, was a celebrated Methodist preacher, died April 12, 1854, aged 57 years. He had four sons and four daughters. This family is noted in the music world as composers and singers.

Olive married Russell Pratt. She was the mother of four sons, all physicians, and four daughters.

Elizabeth married George Billings, and was the mother of five sons and three daughters.

Benjamin married Deborah Rose; he was a preacher and fine singer —"could sing for 24 hours without repeating a song"; he had three sons and four daughters, died, 1866, at Mansfield, Pa.

The Turrell Family is an old and prominent one in America, and of at least two branches, there are numerous descendants in Bradford county. Roger Turrell of Nasing, Essex county, England, came over in the ship *Lion* landing at Boston in May, 1632. In 1635 he was at Wethersfield and participated in the Pequod war. He went with the Eaton-Davenport company to New Haven, 1638, and was one of the founders of Milford, 1639. He married, 1639, Abigail, daughter of Thomas and Isabell (Camp) Ufford. He died, 1682, aged 72, at Milford, leaving sons, Daniel and John. Daniel (1st), born May 16, 1652, married Mary, daughter of Deputy Governor Thomas and Ruth (Clark) Fitch of Norwalk. Their son, Daniel (2nd), born December 3, 1688, married Zerusah, daughter of Jeremiah and Mrs. Alice (Hine) Canfield. They had sons, James and Daniel (3rd).

Capt. James Turrell, born May 10, 1716, served on a committee of Inspection and Correspondence, also on a committee to procure supplies for the soldiers of the Continental army during the Revolution.

He married June 22, 1741, Abigail Buck of New Milford, Conn. They had children :

Ebenezer, born April 3, 1742, married Lois Hall of Shoreham, Vt.

James Jr., born December 31, 1744, married Sarah Bradshaw of New Milford, died May 2, 1812. Their children were: *Urania*, born April 2, 1769, married February 7, 1789, Wareham Kingsley (page 102), died June 23, 1837 ; children: Lydia (Mrs. Jabez Brown), Roswell, Nathan, Chester B., Abigail, Rocalina, Orrin ; *Mary* married Ephraim Lyon ; *Abigail* married May 21, 1795, David Walter ; *Leman*, born July 5, 1776, married March 5, 1797, Lucy Turrell ; *Rachel*, born January 11, 1779, married March 2, 1800, David Noble, died April 21, 1836 ; *William*, born February 28, 1781, married Sylvia Benedict ; *James Beebe*, born June 20, 1785, married Phebe Turrell ; *Sarah*, born August 15, 1791, married Riley Peet, died August 6, 1862.

Mary, born November 10, 1746, married Thomas Lewis (page 149) and spent her closing days in Bradford county.

Zeruah, born April 25, 1752, married Ebenezer Pickett, an early settler of Rush, Susquehanna county, died, 1808.

Anna, born April 8, 1754, married Samuel Hill.

Phebe, born June 20, 1756, married a Mr. Pepper.

Rachel, born May 1, 1758, married a Mr. Ball of Massachusetts.

Job, born April 27, 1760, married December 9, 1781, Keziah York (page 99), and was a prominent pioneer of Wyalusing.

Abigail, born June 30, 1762, married, 1787, Reuben Wells (page 103), and spent her last days in Susquehanna county.

Beebe and one other son evidently died young.

Daniel Turrell (3rd), born December 12, 1620, at New Milford, married Mary, daughter of John and Mary (Northrup) Baldwin. Their children were :

Abel, born October 16, 1752, married March 24, 1774, Jerusha Peet. Their children were : *Abel, Jr.*, born November 18, 1774, married Silena Owens; *Lucy*, born June 1, 1776, married Leman Turrell of Forest Lake, Susquehanna county; children: Brittania (Mrs. Adolphus Olmstead), Stanley married Ruth A. Thacher, Joel married 1st Patty Griffis, 2nd Mrs. Mary (Woodruff) Gilbert, Leman M. married Lovina Griffis, Lucy Ann (Mrs. Abner Griffis), Abel married Adelia Catlin ; *James* married Hannah Gurnsey ; *Joel*, born July 16, 1778, married Betsy Wood ; *Lyman*, born June 4, 1780, married Katy Knapp, died January 28, 1855; *Amy*, born July 26, 1784, married November, 1815, Alpheus Fuller; *Urania*, born September 21, 1786, married 1st Cyrel Peck, 2nd Benjamin Stalford, died

June 14, 1868; *Daniel*, born April 4, 1789, married Charlotte Mallony; *Polly*, born December 17, 1795, married Judson Stone; *Phebe*, born June 29, 1798, married Samuel Hawes.

Daniel married January 28, 1789, Temperance York (page 99) and was an early and prominent settler of Wyalusing.

Joel was a soldier of the Revolution; had children, Phebe and Esther.

Mary married Capt. Joab Pickett, an early settler of Rush.

Sarah and *Jane* were other children.

Joshua Wythe was an officer in the war for American Independence and served faithfully seven years. As a resident of Boston he was burned out in the great fire of that city about 1791, and soon after removed to the lake region of central New York to find a home and retrieve his fortunes. Here the family were sorely afflicted by the ills incident to that region, and Mr. Wythe left, coming to Towanda in pursuit of a more favorable locality for a home. He purchased of John Heath on Towanda creek (page 135) and moved here with his family, 1794. Mrs. Wythe, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Brewer of Cambridge, died, 1805. Mr. Wythe afterwards returned to Boston, married a second wife and emigrated to Ohio. He died at Cincinnati. The children of Joshua and Elizabeth Wythe were: Susanna, Elisha, Joshua, George, Harriet, Mary, Prentice, Francis, Nancy, Elizabeth, Henry and Fanny.

Susanna married a Mr. Leonard and moved West.

Elisha married Nancy Salisbury and removed to Delaware county, Ohio.

Joshua married Hannah Pond and went West with his brother.

George learned the printer's trade and finally settled in Kentucky.

Harriet married John Bates and lived at Covington, Ky.

Mary married 1st Daniel Gilbert, 2nd Major Oliver Dodge of Franklin.

Isaiah Grover, a soldier of the Revolution, who had served as a private in the company of John Hastings under Col. Henry Jackson of the Massachusetts line from March, 1781, until December, 1783, found his way into what is now Smithfield, Bradford county, 1792. He held a Connecticut claim and came with his family. He built a cabin and began improvements, the first in the township. His location was in the wilderness several miles from his nearest neighbor. It is related that when the surveyors came to run out the lands, "the Grover children alarmed at their strange faces, scattered like a brood of young partridges when disturbed." Grover sold his claim to Reuben Mitchell

and in 1798 moved to Canton township, where he remained until about 1821 when he moved to Ohio. He had married, 1776, Elizabeth Grover, his cousin, at Hartford, Conn. He died June 12, 1829, aged 73 years, in Scioto county, Ohio. He drew a pension, which was continued to his widow after his death.

Reuben Mitchell, born November 10, 1752, at Gloucester, R. I., married January 10, 1776, Elizabeth Smith, also of Gloucester. In 1794, he came with his family as a settler, Connecticut title, to Smithfield. After having purchased the improvement of Mr. Grover, he and his family were alone in the wilderness about four years before other settlers arrived. His privations and hardships were many and severe, but he struggled on, cleared and improved a fine farm. He erected the first framed house in the town His boys were great trappers. They caught many bears and frequently a panther. It is related, that on a certain run they set their traps for Bruin and caught a bear each night, seven in succession. Mrs. Mitchell, born June 17, 1757, died June 3, 1827. After her death, Mr. Mitchell went West to live with a daughter, with whom he died at an advanced age. They had twelve children, as follows:

Urana, married March 20, 1798, William Buck of Ulster, being Smithfield's first bride; removed West.

Reuben, Jr. died June 17, 1862, in Smithfield, unmarried.

Hannah died in childhood, November 12, 1800.

Welcome was a deaf mute and finally became totally blind. He was a study for the remarkable things he performed. He died March 16, 1856, aged 76 years.

Edward married Betsy Kelly of Smithfield.

Anson married Dianah Kelly of Smithfield.

Elizabeth married a Mr. Hadlock.

Samantha married Ezra Califf of Smithfield.

Erastus died in childhood, November 4, 1799, being the first death in Smithfield.

Jonathan died September 1, 1868, in Smithfield, unmarried.

Asenath died January 2, 1856, unmarried.

George Washington, born February 3, 1799, was the first white child to see the light in Smithfield; married Mary Ames of Smithfield.

Thus in this family we have the first marriage, the first birth and the first death in the town.

Rev. John Smith of Dighton, Mass., who had purchased lands, Connecticut title, in what is now Wells township, Bradford county, came thereto with his family, 1792, being the first settler in that town.

He had stopped at Canandaigua for a time and there organized the first Congregational church in western New York. Mr. Smith was a man of learning and the first Christian minister in western Bradford. "The word of the Lord was precious in those days," and the newcomers would journey long distances by marked trees to hear him preach. After a few years he moved to Kentucky.

Nathaniel Allen, who was of English descent, was born on Long Island, 1761. During the Revolution he enlisted in the 1st regiment of Minute Men, Suffolk county militia. He fell into the hands of the British and was held a prisoner two years, or until the close of the war. Having learned surveying, he became land-agent and surveyor for the Connecticut Company and made the original survey of the greater portion of the wilderness of western Bradford. Under the original title, he became himself the owner of three townships, but finally was obliged to relinquish his claim, the proprietaries of Pennsylvania having been given the right of title. Subsequently he purchased 1,000 acres of good title, an abundant field for his activity and enterprise. Mr. Allen located on Sugar Creek, 1793, at first on the Pratt place, West Burlington, and a couple of years later on his purchase at East Troy. On his property he erected a saw and grist-mill, which was a great convenience to the settlers for many miles around. He was a man of decided enterprise. His superior ability was recognized and in 1800 he was commissioned a justice of the peace, an office he filled with credit and honor many years. Upon the organization of Burlington township, he was made its first supervisor and successively re-elected a number of times. Soon after the setting off of Burlington, the event was celebrated at the home of Mr. Allen by a barbecue and dance. In 1815 he was elected county commissioner and served a term of three years. He filled other positions of honor and trust, and was one of our most noted men of early times. Mr. Allen married Lydia, daughter of Ebenezer Stevens, a soldier of the Revolution. He died, 1839, and is buried beside his wife in the East Troy cemetery. Their children were:

Adolphus became a physician and removed to Illinois.

Laura married 1st Dr. Horace LaBarron, 2nd Benjamin McKean of Columbia.

Samuel married Maranda, daughter of James Sheffield, Madison county, N. Y., and occupied the homestead. Children: Darwin N., Lydia M. (Mrs. Monroe Jones) and Adolphus G.

Alma married Ezra Canfield.

Lucy married Howard Spalding of Troy.

Myron.

Moses Calkins, son of John, was a direct descendant of Hugh Calkins, who settled at New London, Conn. in 1638. As a mere boy, Moses served his country in the struggle for Independence. He spent his early life at Duanesburg, Schenectady county, N. Y., where he married, about 1784, Thankful Stevens. In 1793 he came to Sugar Creek, selected lands about a half mile west of present West Burlington, made some improvements and prepared a home for his family, which he brought in the next year. He was a blacksmith by occupation and pursued that business in connection with farming. For a period he was the recognized medical authority on the "Creek" and did the vaccinating for small-pox with the "real thing" (kine-pox virus then unknown) and "taking through," as it was called, a whole neighborhood at a time. With hand-made turn-keys, he pulled the aching teeth for old and young, a branch of dentistry which was afterwards taken up by his sons.

Mr. Calkins was an ardent Baptist and the first to locate on Sugar Creek. He was a deacon for many years and was widely known as "Deacon Calkins." Being in prosperous circumstances he was often called upon for help. One morning a rather shiftless character called and said, "Deacon Calkins is it not a part of your religion to help the poor?" "Oh, yes," said the Deacon, "but, Morehouse, there are three kinds of poor: The Lord's poor, the Devil's poor and the poor devils, which are you?" Morehouse quickly departed without an explanation. Deacon Calkins died 1835-'36, aged 73 years, and his wife some years later. Both are buried in Hilton cemetery. They had six sons and four daughters, as follows :

Zera died in young manhood, unmarried.

Joel married Laura, daughter of Ezekiel Leonard of Springfield, and had a family of eight children. He died August 18, 1867, aged 82 years, in West Burlington.

James married Huldah Dewey of Sullivan, Tioga county; died in middle life in Wells township; had two sons and four daughters.

John married Jane, daughter of James McKean, settled in Columbia, 1817, where he died, 1879, in his 90th year; had two sons. His grandson, J. H. Calkins, occupies the farm.

Moses married Eveline Braffit, moved to Ohio where he died, being the last survivor of the sons; had four sons and one daughter.

Oliver married Julia, daughter of Truman Merry, and occupied the homestead; had one son and two daughters.

Lucy married Benjamin McKean, died September 4, 1828, aged 35 years, in Towanda, while her husband was sheriff; had two sons and one daughter.

Abby married Lyman Leonard of Springfield, and with him espoused the Mormon faith, following the fortunes of that sect to Nauvoo and Salt Lake; had one son and a daughter.

Thankful ("Sophy") married Myron Ballard, reared a large family and died in Columbia (page 224).

Amanda mrried Orrin P. Ballard of Troy; had one son.

Martin Stratton, a millwright and carpenter, who was born near Hartford, Conn., in 1794 with a small kit of tools upon his back, set out to make his fortune in the West. Fate brought him into Bradford county. He took up quarters with Ezra Rutty on Sugar Creek, remained about a year, then married Mr. Rutty's daughter, Rebecca. Going to West Burlington he entered the employ of the Goddards and built them a grist-mill. Returning to North Towanda he purchased land at the Pail Factory, on which he settled permanently. On the creek near his home, in company with Cephas Stratton and Jonathan Holcomb, he erected a grist-mill with a single run of stone, which was successfully operated several years. A little later a saw-mill was built and supplied with power from the same dam. Mr. Stratton, however, gave most attention to clearing and improving his farm, in the labors of which his wife and eldest daughters gave faithful assistance, picking and burning brush, often until late at night. "Captain" Stratton, as he was familiarly called, was a very kind-hearted gentleman, much respected by his neighbors. He died November 3, 1821, aged 63 years, and his wife December 20, 1837, aged 60½ years. Both rest in Riverside cemetery. Their children were:

Hannah married Anson Simons of Ulster, removed to Indiana.

Betsy married John Bloom of Burlington.

Mary married George W. Simons, removed to Indiana.

Hiram married Olive Steward, removed to Ohio, thence Missouri where he died.

Samuel married Euphransia Foster and occupied the homestead.

Esther married Loren Kingsbury of Ulster.

Caroline married John Muncy, removed to Indiana.

Martha married Thomas Hawkins of North Towanda.

Cephas, ***Surager*** and ***Timothy Stratton***, brothers of Martin, soon followed him to Sugar Creek. Cephas and Timothy remained in the county a few years, then removed to Ohio. Surager followed coopering, also went West.

The Chintz Family were colored people and the first to locate in Sheshequin. They settled near Judge Gore in or before 1792. Of the family, Jacob, Peter and Phebe are remembered.

Joseph Salisbury, who was a shoemaker by occupation, came to the Hornbrook settlement, 1794. He purchased the John Newell property and was somewhat prominent in public affairs. In 1803 he sold out and removed to the state of New York.

Christopher Avery, a native of Connecticut, who served as a private in the Revolutionary war under Captain Williams in Colonel Webb's regiment of the Connecticut line from 1781 till the close of the war, came to Sheshequin about 1792 and lived with his brother-in-law, Judge Gore. He enjoyed the benefits of a pension. He never married and was familiarly known as "Uncle Kit." He died May 3, 1830, in his 71st year, and is buried in the Gore cemetery.

Barnabas Clark, said to have been a native of Ireland, after coming to this country lived for a time at Long Island. He had married Polly Manley, also born in Ireland. Soon after 1790 he came to Standing Stone, settling in the Fitzgerald neighborhood. Here he died previous to 1804, and was probably buried in the Huyck cemetery. His wife survived him some years and died with her son in Rome. They had children :

Polly married John Birney and lived at Wyalusing.

Henry when a young man drifted into the Lake country and was never afterwards heard from.

Eliphalet married Lois, daughter of John Parks and settled in Rome. He was a soldier, War of 1812. He died December 10, 1858, in his 85th year, and his wife March 26, 1846, aged 66 years. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Eliza* to Henry Lent; *Nancy* died unmarried; *Harry* to Ellen Brown; *Esther* 1st to Hiram Miller, 2nd to Eliphalet Marsh; *Barney* to Rachel Cahill.

Samuel Gordon of Scotch descent was born, 1740, near Ballibay, County Monaghan, Ireland. Leaving his native land he came to America in company with two brothers and a Mr. Gillespie. For a time he followed the sea, then settled at Elizabeth, N. J. In 1775 he was appointed official surveyor for Westmoreland by the Connecticut Assembly, and during 1776-'77 he spent some time in the neighborhood of Wyalusing making surveys under direction of the Susquehanna Company. During the Sullivan campaign, 1779, he served in the company of Capt. Moody Dustin, 1st New Hampshire regiment. In 1792 he came to Wyalusing, and in 1793-'94 built a grist-mill on Wyalusing Creek at or near the present West's mill at Black's bridge. Large tracts of land were assigned to him, but owing to the invalidity of Connecticut titles he lost everything. He was for many years the effi-

cient clerk of the township. Mr. Gordon had married Mrs. Jane Gillespie, who was born, 1751, in Ireland. He died, 1810, and she, 1842. Both are buried in the Wyalusing cemetery. Their children were: Jane, Catherine, Nancy (Mrs. Ebenezer Lamb) and Clarry.

The Smileys are of Scotch origin. One branch of the family came from Ireland early in the 18th century, settling first on Arrow Creek, Lancaster county, and afterwards in Hanover, Dauphin county, Pa. John Smiley, who served in the French and Indian war, married Ann (Houten) Stuart and had children: Thomas, John, James, Samuel, William, Robert, Janet, Ann, Catharine and Mary.

Thomas Smiley, born May 27, 1759, at Hanover, Dauphin county, served in the Lancaster county Militia, war of the Revolution, during the years 1778-'82. He became a Baptist preacher, and in 1794 came to Bradford county, locating at Wyalusing. He travelled over a large section of country preaching and ministering to the little flocks in the wilderness. In 1799 he moved up Towanda Creek, locating at West Franklin, where he was pastor of the Baptist church eight years.

In 1801 Col. Abraham Horn was appointed agent for the Pennsylvania landholders to put the "Intrusion Law" in force. In June he came into Bradford county, but apprehending danger from the violent opposition of the people, stopped at Asylum. Rev. Thomas Smiley had been appointed a deputy agent and furnished with the necessary papers. By July 7th he had obtained the signatures of nearly forty settlers to their relinquishments (Connecticut title) and submissions, and started for Asylum. A meeting was held and the "Wild Yankees" determined that the business must be stopped. About twenty men from Sugar Creek, Ulster and Sheshequin, armed and disguised, started in pursuit. Mr. Smiley, hearing the arrangements of the conspirators, went down to Joshua Wythe's near Monroeton, where he remained until dark, and then stopped for the night at Jacob Granteer's, near the mouth of Towanda Creek. The party, learning of his lodging place, followed him, broke into his room, compelled him to burn his papers, took him near the creek, poured a bottle of tar over his head and beard, then adding feathers, after giving him a kick told him he might go, but must leave the country. Several were arrested for participation in this ignominious affair, but the proof being insufficient, "not a true bill" was returned by the grand jury. It was asserted, also, that the man who carried the bottle of tar was one of the jurors who acted in the case. In 1819 the legislature granted Mr. Smiley $250 in compensation for his sufferings.

About 1808 Mr. Smiley removed to White Deer Valley, Lycoming

county, where he was the beloved pastor of the Baptist church until his death, 1832. He had married Nancy, daughter of John Tucker, who was born January 22, 1762, near Trenton, N. J. Their children were :

John, born February 5, 1783, at Hanover, Pa., married Susanna, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Wilcox) Stone of Franklin, died in Canton, June 5, 1822. Their children, who married as follows, were: *John Milton* to Jane Watts and had children, Joseph M., David, Nancy, John, George and Mary; *Stuart* married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Fairbanks, and had children: Susan Ann (Mrs. Jonathan Black), Melvina (1st Mrs. Judson Stone, 2nd Mrs. Hurd), Thomas J., Adelia (Mrs. Miller), Dette, Leslie, Charles, Adelbert E., George D., Frank B., Fred and William; *Elizabeth* married David Allen of Franklin; *Thomas T.* married 1st Lydia Allen, 2nd Lydia A. Ridgway and died at Monroeton; *Benjamin S.* married 1st Eliza Pickard, 2nd Lurenda Putnam, died at East Troy; *Nancy* married 1st DeWitt Burnham, 2nd Robert McKee of Franklin; *Joseph M.* married Clarissa Wright, died at Canton; *David* married Phebe Ann Holcomb, lived at West Franklin. Mrs. John Smiley married for her second husband Nehemiah Allen of West Franklin.

Anna, born December 31, 1784, married Elijah Tracy, died in Wysox.

David, born September 29, 1786, married Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen and Joanna Latimer of Franklin, and had children: Nancy, Stephen L., Jackson, Eliza, David and Washington; removed to Ohio.

William, born February 15, 1790, settled in Crawford county, Pa.

Harriet, at the age of 4 years, November 4, 1797, was drowned in the river at Wyalusing.

Thomas, Jr., born November 15, 1795, became a physician and practiced in Philadelphia.

Harriet, born July 14, 1798, married 1st James Geddes and had children, Jane and James; married 2nd John C. Laird and had children, Thomas L., James H., Matthew M., Ann S., David, Mary R. and Harriet.

Eliza Eunice, born November 24, 1800, died March 4, 1839, unmarried.

John Gordon was a son of James Gordon, who was a brother of Samuel, a Wyalusing pioneer. James came to the county soon after his brother, settling at Frenchtown where he remained and kept a ferry until after the arrival of the French. John married Mary, daughter of Henry Birney, and located near his father-in-law in Standing Stone.

Here he spent his days clearing and improving his land and conducting a distillery, and died August 31, 1841, aged 65 years. His wife died August 29, 1819, aged 35 years. Their children were:

James never married, occupied a portion of the homestead and had a distillery.

George married Rebecca Terry and lived at Frenchtown.

Samuel was a saddler by occupation, and for a time had a shop in Towanda; died unmarried.

Hiram died on the homestead, unmarried.

Hart married Sarah, daughter of George Vanness; died on the farm now occupied by his son, Lawrence.

John married Sarah Smith of Ulster; died in Standing Stone.

Sally married John Taylor of Wyalusing.

Ellen married Harris Murray of Athens.

Jane married George Hollenback and died in Owego.

Hettie died on the homestead, unmarried.

Weltha married Charles Rockwell of Ulster.

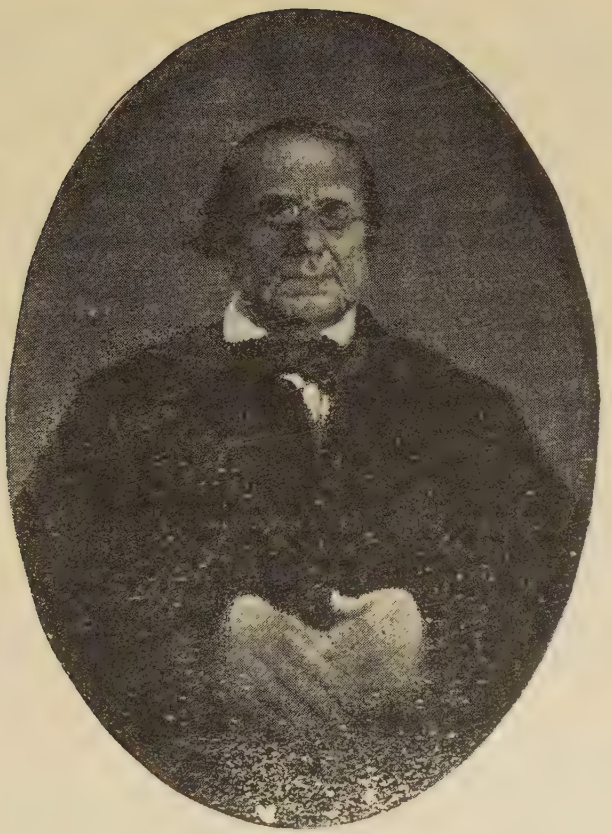
Beckie married Albert Newell and died at Owego.

Rachel married Harry Hollenback (brother of George) and died at Barton, N. Y.

Polly died in young womanhood, unmarried.

Silas F. Andrews (Andrus) was a native of Connecticut and son of Ebenezer Andrews, one of the original proprietors of certified Springfield, whose claim was on the Sugar Run in Wilmot. After the death of his father, he came to Wilmot about 1792, and built a grist-mill with a single run of stones and a saw-mill with an up-and down saw. Both, though small concerns, were very serviceable to the early settlers. Mr. Andrews was an active and enterprising business man. He married Patty, daughter of Jesse Hancock of Wyalusing. About 1800 he sold to William Brindle and moved away.

Samuel Seeley, a patriot of the Revolution, in his declaration for a pension stated that "about June 1, 1775, he enlisted at Big Island, Northumberland county, Pa., for the term of one year in the rifle company commanded by John Loudon in the regiment of Col. William Thompson of the Pennsylvania line; that he continued in the said corps until the month of June, 1776, when he was discharged from the service on York island in the state of New York; that about August 1, 1778, he again enlisted in the regiment commanded by Col. William Cook of the Pennsylvania line for three years, but by some mistake was returned for during the war and held until the summer of 1783, when he was discharged at Philadelphia." After the war he married



Col. Julius Tozer.

Deborah, sister of Richard Benjamin of Orange county, N. Y. Benjamin settled in Asylum, 1793. Seeley soon joined him and lived there with considerable moving about until his death, which occurred, 1841, aged 91 years, at Durell.

Col. Julius Tozer, a devoted friend of the cause of Liberty, who had the distinction of having served his country faithfully in both the Revolutionary war and War of 1812, was born June 16, 1764, at Mont-

ville, Conn. He was the second son of Samuel and Dorothy (Newton) Tozer, whose other children were: Richard, James (both soldiers of the Revolution), Lodemia (Mrs. Jonathan Harris), Susan (Mrs. Joel Murray), Mary (Mrs. Nathaniel Harris). Julius at the age of 16 years enlisted in the artillery branch of the Continental army and served until the close of the war. In 1786 he married Hannah, daughter of Ananias and Alce (Leck) Conkling. In 1791 he removed to Exter, Luzerne county, and in 1794 to Athens, settling on the Chemung river. He originally purchased 150 acres, cleared a spot for his house, then began the battle with the wild woods. He afterwards purchased an additional 240 acres, and ultimately put up a modern framed dwelling.

Mr. Tozer took an active interest in military affairs and was chosen colonel of the State Militia. During the War of 1812 he raised a company of volunteers, two of his sons, Samuel and Guy, enlisting under him, was made captain and marched to the front. At the battle of Fort Erie he was severely wounded in the hip by a shell. Thus being unfitted for further military service, he returned home. Colonel Tozer was a man of commanding presence; he stood over six feet, and at his best weighed 250 pounds. He was an ardent Free Mason, and an early member of Rural Amity Lodge, in which three succeeding generations of his family have been initiated. Some years prior to his death cataracts formed on his eyes and he became totally blind. He passed from earth December 7, 1852. His wife, born October 7, 1764, died March 5, 1832. The mother of Colonel Tozer spent her last years with him and died in 1797. The children of Julius and Hannah Tozer were :

Hannah married Hugh Alexander and removed to Illinois.

Alce married Daniel Pierce of Rome.

Elizabeth R. married a Mr. Thomas in the West.

Samuel removed to Illinois, where he married and died.

Julius, born March 14, 1794, married Meribah, daughter of Richard Tozer, died March 9, 1874, in Athens; had one child, Mary A. (Mrs. John L. Corbin).

Lucy S. married Heathcock Floyd, died in Illinois.

Guy, born March 7, 1799, married Welthia, daughter of Joseph Kinney, was the ninth sheriff of Bradford county, died September, 1877. Children: Helen, Ralph, Lucy (Mrs. David Walker), Guy M., George K. and Charles C.

Albert, born May 30, 1802, married Hiley Bovier, died January 4, 1888; had one child, Samuel.

Susan married 1st William Rice, 2nd James Weed; died in Wisconsin.

Joel Murray, born August 14, 1806, married Elizabeth Gross, died July 3, 1879; had children: Alce (Mrs. Townsend Knowles), Julius, Job R., Sarah F. (Mrs. William H. Matthewson), Ira, Guy M. and Lizzie M.

Cynthia married James Griswold of Southport, N. Y.

Dorothy and *Mary Ann* both died young.

Stevens Brothers—Nathan and Aden Stevens came from Connecticut to Pike township, locating at Stevensville in the Spring of 1794. They were sons of Peter Stevens of New Milford, a soldier of the Revolution, who died from the effects of wounds received at the capture of Danbury. He left a large family. Nathan and Aden purchased the possession of Isaac Bronson, lying on both sides of the Wyalusing Creek. Nathan returned to Connecticut and Aden remained, chopped a fallow and put in a piece of grain. In the following Fall, Nathan returned with his family, consisting of his wife, Hannah Warner, and three children. He moved in with two horses and a yoke of oxen. One of the horses was sold for a 20-gallon kettle, and the other fell down an embankment and broke its neck. Three months passed without flour in the house, corn-meal made in the mortar, being the only article for bread. Bears, wild-cats and wolves were numerous, and the latter made havoc among the sheep of the settlers. Aden was unmarried when he came to Pike, and for two winters he returned to Connecticut and taught school. The brothers worked together at first, after a few years dividing their land, which they paid for a second time, securing a valid title.

Nathan Stevens was a man of stirring habits and remarkable vigor. He died upon the farm he had cleared and improved, April 6, 1854, aged 86 years. His wife died September 25, 1847, aged 71 years. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Myron* to Susan Bosworth; *Charles* to Eunice Hunt; *Warner* to Nancy Seymour; *Nelson* and *Homer* married sisters; *Eunice* to Isaac Lines; *Lucy* to Asa Warner.

Aden Stevens, born April 20, 1770, married November 14, 1796, Anise Warner, sister of Mrs. Nathan Stevens. Their children were: Oliver W., Hiram, Cyrus, Anne, Sally. Mrs. Stevens, born November, 1766, died February 6, 1814. Mr. Stevens, February 16, 1815, married Rebecca Purda Somers. Their children were Philena and Peter. "Col. Aden Stevens," as he was popularly known, was an energetic and substantial citizen, commanding the esteem and respect of

his fellow townsmen. He was justice of the peace, colonel of militia, county commissioner and for more than fifty years a member of the Presbyterian church. He died July 28, 1858.

Oliver W. went first to Ohio and afterwards to California, where he engaged in the banking business and amassed a large fortune.

Hiram was a successful farmer, lived and died at Stevensville.

Cyrus married Lydia Ann, daughter of Ebenezer and Zeruah (Northrup) Lacey; occupied the homestead; was a man of fine talents and a worthful citizen. Children: Oliver W., Lydia P. (1st Mrs. Charles Ingham, 2nd Mrs. Ellicott A. Ingham), E. Lacey, Zeruah (Mrs. James Avery), Louisa (Mrs. Frank Taylor) and Dr. Cyrus L.

Anne married Abel Bolles.

Sally married Elkanah Bolles.

Philena married Elisha Lewis of Wyalusing.

Peter went West and died in Kansas.

Samuel Stevens, a brother of Aden and Nathan, subsequently joined them in Pike. He was a shoemaker, tanner and currier. He built a tannery and was the first to carry on the leather manufacture on the Wyalusing. He died in the 40's leaving a widow, Abia (Brush) and ten children: Irad, John C. (married Maria Bolles), Maria (Mrs. Lyman Tyrrell), Nathan (married Phebe Scovell), Samuel, Eliza (Mrs. John J. Hide), Sally, Aden 2nd, Henry L and Immira (Mrs. Ethiel Taylor).

Jonathan Stevens, a half brother of Samuel, came to Pike with him, remaining until his death, April 1, 1847, aged 75 years. He married Charity Bennett. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Orellana* to Maria Phelps; *Almond* to Miss Hancock; *Harry* to Marion Allis; *Charles* never married; *Harriet* to William Dyer; *Caroline* to Alexander Montgomery; *Eliza* to Joseph H. Marsh; *Emer* to John Champion; *Orlando.*

Paine Brothers—David, Clement and Enoch Paine were natives of Eastham, Cape Cod, and sons of Thomas and Phebe (Freeman) Paine. They were from the same family as Robert Treate Paine, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and John Howard Payne, the author of "Home, Sweet Home."

David Paine, born March 19, 1768, was in his youth a clerk and school teacher. He was for some time engaged in the land-office of Captain Blodgett at Bennington, and in 1791 was a partner in a store at Canaan, Conn. In 1792 he and his brother, Clement, erected a store and potash factory at Rensselaerville, N. Y., but the enterprise did not prove a success. David came to Tioga Point, 1794, and opened a land-

office "with very flattering prospects." In 1799 he was appointed a justice of the peace. He was postmaster of Athens, 1808-'24. In 1803 he married Phebe Lindsley, sister of Mrs. Ebenezer Backus and Mrs. Stephen Hopkins. After her death, he married, 1823, Anne W. Harding of Portland, Me., an amiable and accomplished lady. He had no children by either marriage. Few homes presented in those days more of refined social enjoyment. He was the first burgess of Athens borough, and with him originated the planting of the beautiful shade trees which adorn the streets. He died September 7, 1851, aged 83 years. "His warm heart and social disposition ever won the esteem and love of those who knew him."

Clement Paine, born August 11, 1769, learned the printing business. In 1791-'92 he was engaged in the office of Claypoole's Daily Advertiser in Philadelphia. He joined his brother, David, at Athens in December, 1794, where they were connected in trade and land operations for ten years. During the earliest years of his business, Clement purchased his stocks of goods principally at Catskill, whence, as for more than twenty years afterwards from New York and Philadelphia, he had them transported in wagons to Athens. Sometimes, however, they came up the river on "Durham boats," which were propelled with poles. In 1812 Mr. Paine was a presidential elector and cast the vote of the district for James Madison and Elbridge Gerry. During the War of 1812 he was active in procuring volunteers for the army, together with arms and supplies for their use. He became the owner of a large amount of real estate, including mills and dwellings in different parts of the county. "He was remarkable among the many who knew him personally for the sound and practical character of his views, the promptness of his dealings and the plainness of his speech and manners."

In 1806 Mr. Paine married Anne Woodbridge, a daughter of Major Theodore Woodbridge of Glastenbury, Conn., an officer of the Revolutionary war. "Mrs. Paine was one of the original members of the Athens Presbyterian church, and remained through life steadfast and active in the cause of religion and humanity. Both in her correspondence and published productions of prose and verse, she cultivated a strong native literary taste, and the recollections of her benevolence and Christian virtues still shed lustre upon her memory." She died October, 1834, aged 50 years. Mr. Paine died March, 1849, in his 81st year. They had four sons: *Rev. Thomas E.* died in Mississippi; *James A.* died in Iowa; *Seth W.* and *Charles C.* lived in Troy.

Enoch Paine followed his brothers to Athens, 1803. When he was about 18 years of age he was twice taken prisoner on board a pri-

vateer by the British during the Revolution. He subsequently made voyages to South America, Europe and the East Indies, and resided for a time at Cape Francois, West Indies. His friends were often for years without tidings from him. He died, 1815, at Athens, unmarried, aged 51 years.

Matthew Rogers, a native of Ireland, who was a soldier in the British army, came to America during the Revolutionary war. Having been captured, he espoused the American cause and never returned to his native country. He came to Sheshequin, 1794-'95 and settled the farm now known as the Newman place, where he died June 2, 1832, aged 87 years. His wife, Lydia, died July 29, 1857, aged 85 years. They had two daughters and two sons, John S. and Hiram. One of the daughters married Benjamin Brink, Jr. and the other Orson Carner. *John S.*, born October 17, 1795, married Maria Campbell; occupied the homestead till 1840, when he sold and removed to Litchfield; died January 7, 1879.

Jonas Yoras was a half-blood Indian, who came from the Chemung with the first Sugar Creek colony, 1791. He remained in Burlington some years, but of his further history we are not informed.

Francis Mesusan, a Vermonter, came to the county, 1792-'93, and at first seems to have lived in the vicinity of Sheshequin, where he was employed from time to time by Judge Gore. In 1796 he and Dan Russell were the first to make a break in the great wilderness of what is now Orwell township, moving in with their families. Mesusan settled and made the first improvements on what is known as the Gridley place. After some years he moved to other parts.

John Gamage, a young man of pluck and industry from Massachusetts, reached the Sugar Creek settlement, 1795. He contracted for a piece of land in West Burlington, which by unremitting toil, he cleared, improved and paid for. He was a worthful Christian gentleman. He had married Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Ballard. They had three children, Wilson, Horatio and Martha. The sons afterwards occupied the place.

Horatio married Julia Ann, daughter of Paul DeWitt, and left one son, W. D. Gamage.

Martha married William Hosmer, for many years editor of the Northern Christian Advocate; died in Susquehanna county.

The French—During the French Revolution, "Reign of Terror," many citizens of France, in fear of their lives, fled to other parts of Europe and America. A number of these refugees formed a colony

and established a settlement in Bradford county. They called their home in the wilderness "Asylum." It was a place of importance, full of historic interest and existed from 1793 to 1801. The town was laid out with care and consisted of about 50 log houses, the surrounding country being divided into farms. Along the river bank houses were built for the slaves, which had been brought from San Domingo. The place afforded two stores, two inns, two shops, a horse-power grist-mill, a physician and a nursery; also a chapel in which religious services of the Roman Catholic faith, the first in the county, were held, the priest being M. Carles, assisted by Father Fromente. Of the colonists, some were of noble birth, several had been connected with the king's household, a few belonged to the clergy, some were soldiers, while only very few, if any, were of the laboring class. The Duke de La Rochefoucault Liancourt and Talleyrand, the celebrated French statesman, visited Asylum, 1795, and in 1796, Louis Philippe, afterwards king of France, accompanied by his brothers, the Duke of Montpensier and the Count Beaujolais, tarried a week there while on their way from Niagara to Philadelphia.

Among the more important who lived at Asylum were the following:

George Aubry
Lucretius de Blacons
Charles Boulogne
John Brecdelliere
Laurence Buzard
Peter Brunert
Louis Beaulieu
John Brevost
M. Carles
Mancy Colin
Alex. d'Autremont
Widow d'Autremont
Elijah Fromente
Francis Demene
Henry Dandelot
Charles Homet
John Keating
Augustine LaRoue
Casinere LaRoue
Francis LaRoue
Joseph LaRoue
Anthony Lefevre
Louis Lefevre
Bartholomew Laporte
James Montulle
Guy de Noailles
Louis M. Noailles
Peter Regnier
John Rosset
Madame DeSibert
Omer Talon
Dupetit Thouars

Buzard was a physician; Aubry, blacksmith; Blacons, Brecdelliere, A. and F. LaRoue, merchants; Lefevre, Heraud, Brecdelliere, Beaulieu and Regnier, inn-keepers; Keating, assistant and counselor of Talon; Montulle, superintendent of clearings. Sketches of the most noted personages and families that remained in the county, follow:

Louis M. de Noailles was a native of Paris. Very early in life he entered into the military service of his native country and rapidly rose to a position of distinction in the army. When the French government espoused the cause of American independence, the young viscount sought and obtained permission to come to America. Here his great military ability, his ardent zeal for the cause of the colonies, and his unflinching courage won the esteem of both French and American officers, so that a number of times he was complimented for his bravery by Washington in general orders. At the battle of Yorktown he was appointed by Washington to receive on the part of the French, the surrender of Cornwallis, and negotiate the terms of the capitulation. On the conclusion of peace he returned to France. "At the epoch of the Revolution he accepted its principles and was counted among the most zealous defenders of the popular cause." He was a deputy of the nobility to the States General, 1789, and subsequently a member of the National Assembly, where he proposed those celebrated acts by which the whole feudal system, with its long train of abuses and privileges, was abolished. At length, in common with all true republicans, he fell under the displeasure of Robespierre, by whom he was condemned to death and his property confiscated. He, however, escaped to England, thence came to the United States and took up his residence in Philadelphia, where his former active service in the American Revolution brought him into intimate relation with the leading men of the country. In company with Mr. Talon, he succeeded in establishing the Asylum colony and was a prominent shareholder in the Asylum company. On the accession of Napoleon his estates were restored to him and he returned to France, and again entered the military service and was killed in a naval battle with an English corvette before Havana. His soldiers, by whom he was greatly beloved, enclosed his heart in a silver box, which they attached to their flag.

Antoine Omer Talon was also a native of Paris. At the age of 16 he was accepted as an advocate, and rose through various grades to the position of civil lieutenant in 1789. In 1790 he became a member of the National Assembly. He was distinguished for his unflinching defense of the royal prerogative. Compromised by the flight of Louis XVI, he was arrested and imprisoned a month. He then became one of the faithful advisers of the king, with whom he had frequent meetings at the Tuileries, always at night. His name was found in the "Iron Chest," which led to the decree for his arrest. He managed to keep himself secreted for several months, until his friends finding an American ship about to sail for the United States, he was put into a

large cask, carried on board and secreted in the hold of the vessel, where he was kept until the vessel sailed, when he was released from confinement. In Philadelphia he kept open house for his distressed countrymen, and when the settlement at Asylum had been determined on, he became one of its active promoters, and the general manager of the business at Asylum. He returned to France under the Directory, but was transported for political offenses to the isle of St. Marguerite, 1804, and did not obtain his liberty until 1807. His mind gave way and he died, 1811, at Goetz in his 52nd year.

Aristide Aubert Du-petit Thouars was educated in the military school of Paris. Of a frank, generous disposition and fond of adventure, he was very popular with his companions at school and in arms. He was in the French naval service during a war with England, and after the peace was engaged in cruises to England and elsewhere. Later his interest became aroused in the fate of the missing navigator, La Perouse, and, at great personal sacrifice, he fitted out an expedition to go in search. A fatal malady having carried off one-third his crew, he put into harbor at the island of Ferdinand de Noronha, where the Portuguese seized his vessel, arrested and sent him a prisoner to Libson. Immediately on his release he came to America, where being acquainted with Mr. de Noailles, he was induced to come to Asylum. His fine spirit, genial temper and benevolent disposition made him beloved and respected by all who knew him. No one of the French people is so well remembered as he, and of none are so many anecdotes repeated as of the "Admiral," the name by which he was familiarly known. He obtained a grant of 400 acres of land in the neighborhood of Dushore, and single-handed and alone went four miles beyond any other clearing and commenced an opening in the forest. (Dushore where he began is so called in his memory). On the revocation of the decree of expatriation he returned to France, and was recommended by the most noted naval captains for a place in the French navy. In the expedition to Egypt he was placed in command of *Le Tonnant*, an old vessel of 80 guns. Having reached its destination, the fleet was on the point of returning, but was detained by the imprudent orders of the general-in-chief. Du-petit Thouars declared they were lost if they awaited Nelson in this unfavorable position, and urged they should sail without delay; but declared, "I do not know what counsels may prevail, but one thing is certain, as soon as I am on deck my colors shall be nailed to the mast." He fought with great bravery against the already victorious enemy, and was slain just at the close of the engagement, August 1, 1798.

Charles Felix Bue Boulogne was one of the conspicuous characters at Asylum. He was a native of Paris, and during our struggle for Independence became one of our enthusiastic admirers, and was one of that large number of young Frenchmen, who came to this country with Lafayette and offered to us his services in the contest. After the war, having become proficient in our language and acquainted with the country and its great advantages, he determined to remain in it. In the early days of Asylum he conducted a large part of the correspondence with the Americans, and seemed to be the general manager of the business. He bought on his own account the Gen. Simon Spalding farm in Standing Stone. He is said to have been drowned about 1796, while trying to ford the Loyalsock creek, and was buried in the little consecrated lot at Asylum.

Louis de Beaulieu, who had formerly been a captain of infantry in the French army and served the Americans with distinction as a lieutenant in Pulaski's Cavalry Legion, remained in this country. He married an English lady, and in 1795 was keeping an inn at Asylum.

John Keating was a native of Ireland. He had distinguished himself in the French service, coming to America, 1792. He was one of the refugees from San Domingo and early became identified with the Asylum enterprise. His admirable business qualities and skill as an interpreter proved invaluable both at the settlement, and in Wilkes-Barre and Philadelphia. After the abandonment of the colony he returned to Philadelphia and became interested in other large land transactions. He died at the age of 96, being for some time the last survivor of the officers of the French service during the French revolutionary period.

Bartholomew Laporte was born, 1758, in Tulle, France. He had been a prosperous wine merchant at Cadiz, Spain, and having been banished with all French subjects by a decree of the Spanish government, he sought an opportunity of finding his way to America. In 1793, in company with Omer Talon, he succeeded and came with him to Asylum. He was a man of affairs in the colony, being merchant, manager and land steward for Talon. Later he purchased a tract of 400 acres, kept hotel and improved his farm. Upon the organization of the county he took an active interest in public affairs, and was elected county commissioner in 1818. He continued to occupy his fine estate until the close of his life. In 1797 he married Elizabeth, daughter of John Franklin of Asylum. They had one son, John. Mr. Laporte died February 11, 1836, aged 78 years, and his wife, May 5,

1852, aged 71 years, Both are buried in the family plot on the homestead.

John was born Nov. 4, 1798, at Asylum. His early life was spent upon the farm. Politics had a great fascination for him, and as soon as old enough he took an active hand on the Democratic side of the house as an ally of Gen. Samuel McKean. He was elected county auditor, 1820, and represented the county in the State Legislature, 1829 to '32, being Speaker of the House the year last named. In 1832 he was chosen to the 23rd Congress and re-elected to the 24th. In 1840 he was appointed an Associate Judge of this county, serving five years. He was appointed Surveyor-General of the State, 1845, by Governor Shunk and held that office six years. Judge Laporte remained with the Democratic party until 1855, when he assisted in the formation of the Republican party. About the year 1850 he removed to Towanda to engage in the banking business. Here he died August 22, 1862. Mr. Laporte married 1st Matilda, daughter of Dr. Jabez Chamberlain, and had children: *Bartholomew* married Emily Terry; *Elizabeth* married Charles F. Welles; *Samuel McKean* married Sarah Wright Corey. For his second wife, Mr. Laporte married Eliza Caldwell, widow of William Brindle. They had a daughter, *Matilda*, who married John R. Glover.

Anthony Bartholomew Lefevre was a native of Paris. By trade, he was an architect, but during the early days of the French Revolution was the keeper of a fashionable cafe, the favorite resort of those of royalistic sentiments. He, therefore, soon fell under suspicion and thought it wise to leave France. He had married Marie Genevieve d' Ohet. In company with Mdme. d' Autremont (his wife's sister), John Brevost and others in 1792 sailed from Havre. Upon reaching America, they were induced to purchase land and settle at "the Butternuts" on the Chenango river. But their surroundings were not pleasant, far from supplies with Indians very near. To fill the measure of their troubles, the title by which they held their land proved worthless. They determined to join their countrymen at Asylum and removed thither, 1794. "About the time of their arrival at Asylum, Mrs. Lefevre and the remaining son came to join her husband and other (2) children, and so the family which had been separated on the banks of the Seine, after two years of great anxiety and solicitude, was reunited on the banks of the Susquehanna." Mr. Lefevre opened an inn at Asylum, and after the abandonment of the colony went to Lime Hill, on the line of the State road, and conducted an hostelry, which became widely known for its delicious table. "Those who were fre-

quently called to travel this highway, always planned to have at least one meal with Madame Lefevre." Mr. and Mrs. Lefevre both died on Lime Hill, he February 1, 1830, aged 80 years, and she August 23, 1834, aged 82. They rest in the Wyalusing cemetery. Their children were:

Alexander, who enlisted in the War of 1812; died, 1814, at Carlisle, Pa.

Cecelia, married John A. Prevost and died on Russell Hill, Wyoming county, aged 91 years. Their daughter, Angelique M., married William Mix and lived in Towanda.

Augustine married John Huff of Wyalusing; died, 1879, aged 92 years.

Charles Homet, born August 15, 1769, in or near Paris, emigrated to America in 1793. In Paris he had been a steward in the household of Louis XVI, and fled (1792) from that city with others about the time the King made his unfortunate attempt to escape from France. On the same vessel with Mr. Homet came Marie Theresa Schillinger (who was related to Marie Antoinette and maid of honor in the royal household), and to whom he was married soon after their arrival in America. For a year they lived at Bordentown, N. J., then (1794) came to Asylum, and shortly afterwards removed to the settlement in the western part of Terry, where arrangements were making for the reception of the King and Queen of France. In 1796 Mr. Homet returned to Asylum, purchased several lots and became a prosperous and successful farmer. He was a man of prudence and industry, and accumulated a fine fortune His last years were spent in Wysox, where he died December 29, 1838. Marie Theresa Homet, born 1760, died January 3, 1823. Their children were: Charles F., Francis X., Harriet T. and Joseph. For his second wife, Mr. Homet married Cynthia Sickler, by whom he had a daughter, Lydia.

Charles Frederick, born May 7, 1794, married September 24, 1817, Lucy, daughter of Jonathan Stevens, died August 20, 1864, in Asylum. Children: Francis, Theresa (Mrs. U. Philemon Stone), Jonathan, Edward, Milton, Charles S., Volney, Seth, Joseph A.

Francis Xavier, born April 5, 1798, married June 24, 1828, Lucy Jane, daughter of Oliver W. Dodge; died July 27, 1890, in Asylum; had no children.

Harriet Theresa, born March 2, 1801, married October 17, 1822, Simon Stevens, died October 8, 1847, in Standing Stone.

Joseph married Orris, daughter of Charles Brown, died February 26, 1880, at Monroeton. Children: Jewett G., Marion, Lydia.

Lydia married Eleazer T. Fox of Towanda, died April 19, 1886, aged nearly 57 years.

Joseph C. Town, a carpenter, evidently came from Wyoming to Asylum in the Fall, 1793, where he had charge of construction of houses for the French people. This work completed, he built a saw-mill on Wyalusing Creek, which contributed largely to the welfare of the settlement. Previous to this boards were split out of pine logs from four to six feet long. In 1798 Mr. Town also erected, at the same place, a grist-mill, containing a bolt for making flour. This was swept away by a Spring flood three years later. Mr. Town's wife was a sister of Frances Slocum, who was carried away by the Indians. After some years he removed from Wyalusing.

John Franklin, a native of Essex county, England, came to America with his family, 1793-'94. It is related that "during the voyage of nine weeks the entire family had the smallpox, and that upon reaching America Mr. Franklin was indentured by one Lambert of Lambertville, N. J., until the cost of transportation had been met. Mr. Franklin went to Philadelphia to earn money to redeem himself, and Lambert becoming fearful lest he would run away before the redemption money was paid, had him placed in jail. John King, an Englishman, living at Asylum, hearing of this, went security for Mr. Franklin and brought (1795-'96) him and his family to Asylum, where the debt was soon liquidated. Mr. King afterwards settled at Olean, N. Y., where several af the Dodge family joined him." Mr. Franklin continued to reside in Asylum and Wyalusing until his death, August 11, 1835, aged 89 years. "His life was marked by piety, humility and industry." He had married, in England, Susanna Brown, who died February 22, 1818, aged 58 years. Both rest in the Dodgetown cemetery at Terrytown. Their children were:

Elizabeth, born, 1780, in England, married December 11, 1797, Bartholomew Laporte of Asylum; died May 5, 1852.

Rebecca, born December 27, 1783, in England, married March 7, 1810, Edmund Dodge (page 158) and died at Terrytown.

Sally, born December 20, 1787, in England, married January 26, 1807, Nathaniel Terry. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Betsy*, June 24, 1830, to Daniel Miller; *Rebecca* to George Gordon; *Miner*, September 12, 1833, to Sally Lacey; *Lucretia*, 1st to Daniel Hallock, 2nd to Hiram Crandall; *Mary Ann* to Ulysses Moody; *Maria* to John Moore; *Matilda* to D. Hallock.

Mary, born April 23, 1795, in America, married Walter Seman of Sugar Run, Warren county, Pa. Their children were: Susanna (Mrs.

Jerry P, Smith), Polly (Mrs. Wiliam Hoop), Rebecca (Mrs. Wooster), Laura (Mrs. Charles K. Whitehead), John F., Sally Ann (Mrs. Benjamin Palmer), Phebe (Mrs. Henry English), Dennis W., Charles D., Lurinda (Mrs. Harvey Newton), Malinda.

Samuel Shores, a native of New Jersey, who had served in the Revolutionary war, removed with his family from Sussex county to Wysox, 1795. He at first located on the Piollet flats, where he lived two years, then removed to the hills, settling the farm now owned by J. F. Patterson. He was a noted hunter and the abundance of game back in the wilderness was the incentive that led him to take up lands on the hills. He erected a log house and moved in with his family, being the first settler in all the Shores Hill region. Then commenced the battle with the wild woods and big game. Panthers, bears and wolves he killed many of, and deer without number. He generally kept his larder supplied with venison by his morning hunts before breakfast. Only a portion of his time was devoted to hunting, for he and his sons cleared nearly the whole of a large farm. Mr. Shores married Polly Stephens, also a native of New Jersey. He died on his farm about 1825, aged about 70 years, and his wife, 1835, aged 78 years. Both are buried in the Post cemetery. They had eight children, as follows:

William, a blacksmith, married Anna Post, lived and died on Shores Hill. His descendants removed to Illinois.

Joshua married Margaret Post. He lived on Shores Hill, where he died at the age of 100 years, 3 months and 15 days. They had ten children.

Betsy married John Post and lived in Sheshequin.

Sarah married Isaac Vargason (page 208) and had a large family.

Caleb married Anna, daughter of Richard Horton, and had children: Dorcas (Mrs. James Lent), Ethlinda (Mrs. Curtis D. Fergason), Jemima (Mrs. Lewis B. Gillett), David, Abram, Richard, Lovina (Mrs. Joseph R. Horton), Josephine (Mrs William Post), Urbin C. and Mary (Mrs. Richard M. Shores).

Nathaniel married Tabitha Horton of Sheshequin and removed to Illinois.

Anthony King married Betsy Horton and lived in Sheshequin.

Polly married William Rippeth and lived in Wysox.

Ezra Goddard, born December 14, 1733, in Connecticut, in 1796 with his family emigrated to Sugar Creek, finding a favorable location in West Burlington. He had a handsome sum of ready cash and

brought with him a quantity of such goods as were needed in a new country. He and his sons cleared off a heavy forest acreage, and soon erected a grist and saw-mill near the site since known as Rockwell's mills. While the mill was only a partial success, it added much to the comfort of the settlement. Mr. Goddard was a man of decided enterprise. His death occurred May 13, 1813, as the result of a fall in his mill. His children were: Theodore ("Zarda"), Abigail, Ezra and Luther, all of whom died in West Burlington.

Luther, who was a joint owner with his brother, Ezra, in the mill property, in 1814, was crushed to death by the fall of the chimney of the grist-mill. He had a son, Luther.

Ezra, born July 25, 1762, married Mary ———, and was associated with his father and brother in their various enterprises. He was killed July 16, 1813, by the fall of a tree. His wife, born February 21, 1766, died May 9, 1841. Their children were: *Mary* married Daniel Loomis; *Ezra* occupied the homestead: *Allen W.* died March 24, 1884, in West Burlington, aged nearly 91 ; *Eli C.* died in Susquehanna county. *Elam Wesley* died in Troy; *Anna M.* married William C. Ripley of Tioga county; *Hiram* married Roxanna Fuller.

Isaac Swain was one of the Connecticut emigrants, who came to Sugar Creek and settled at West Burlington, 1792. A little later Bethuel Swain settled in East Burlington, next to James Braffit; he and his wife, Patty, in 1815 sold their land to John McKean and removed to other parts. Jacob Swain, evidently a son of Isaac, lived in West Burlington. Isaac cleared and improved a farm, where he died March 29, 1853; his wife, Dorothy, died April 22, 1852. Other children of Isaac were: *Isaac Jr.* married Sophia Pratt; *Dorothy* married ——— Pratt; *Orphelia* married ——— Parkhurst; *Phoebe* married Joseph Pratt; *Cynthia* married Zepheniah Lane; *Susanna* married Alanson Bailey; *Eber* married Susan Murphy; *Andrew M.* married Mary Ann Brigham.

Daniel Wilcox, the first settler in Franklin township, came thereto with his family from Massachusetts, 1794. He was a man of splendid information, and had a considerable library for the times. His children were: Daniel, Samuel, Nathan, Elizabeth (Mrs. Benjamin Stone) and "Genny" (Jenny). Mr. Wilcox died in December, 1815, aged 75 years, and his wife, Elizabeth, May, 1817, aged 73 years. Both were buried in the old Franklindale cemetery. The sons soon moved into LeRoy and were prominent citizens in the early history of that town; Nathan and Daniel became somewhat noted as itinerant Methodist preachers, and the place of their settlement is still known as "Preacher brook."

Stephen Wilcox, also one of the earliest settlers of Franklin, was not of the Daniel Wilcox family. He was a son of Elisha Wilcox and came to Monroe with his mother, Mrs. Platner (page 111), 1779. He was a prominent citizen of the Valley, remaining in Franklin until the 30's, when he removed West. Of his children, one daughter married Harry Campbell of Burlington; another daughter married Isaac Todd, his son, *James*, lived in Franklin, and other son, *Stephen*, who married Rachel Campbell of Burlington, in North Towanda, subsequently going West.

Joseph Wallace, noted as a violinist of rare excellence, came to Towanda Creek, settling above Granteer's in or before 1794. He afterwards moved to LeRoy and lived there some years.

Russell Family—The first permanent settler in Orwell (1796) was Dan Russell, a native of Tolland county, Conn. A few years later his father, Hezekiah Russell, and other members of the family came on from Connecticut and joined his settlement.

Hezekiah Russell upon the outbreak of the Revolutionary war joined the patriot army, was at the battle of Bunker Hill and served throughout the struggle for Independence. He had lost his wife before coming to Orwell, but there in his old age married Mrs. Eleanor Osborn. He died suddenly January 3, 1823, aged 79 years, and is buried in the Ransom Corners cemetery, Orwell township. His children, all of whom were born in Connecticut, were:

Michael ("Mike"), who is said to have been a teamster in the Revolutionary war, married Polly Green, and lived in Rome and Orwell.

Hezekiah married 1st Polly Ellis, 2nd Eunice Lovett and died in Orwell. His children, who married as follows, were: *Christiana* to Sylvester Minier; *Jerusha Emeline* to Benjamin Gleason; *Sophronia* 1st to Sheldon Hamilton, 2nd to William Jackson; *Horace Augustus* to Polly Waite; *Otis Lyman* to Martha Dunham.

Roswell married Polly Webster and died in Orwell.

Roxanna married Anson Collins of Orwell.

Polly married a Mr. Colton, *Hannah* a Mr. Merriman and *Sally* a Mr. Ebons; these daughters remained East.

Dan Russell, the Orwell pioneer, was born September 26, 1770, and married Polly Chubbuck, November 21, 1791. He left Connecticut in the Spring of 1794, coming to Shepard's Creek, thence Sheshequin, where he lived a year, before moving to Orwell. In the meantime he had begun clearing a farm. His plan was to go by marked trees through the forests with a sack of provisions on his back, suffic-

ient for five days or a week. In this way he worked the first season, and the next year he drove in a pair of cattle and a sled with his family. Here Mr. Russell toiled and struggled against the obstacles necessarily contingent upon the settlement of a wild country, and so well did he apply himself to the almost herculean task, that his farm was the best on the stage-route from Towanda to Montrose. His children, with two exceptions, who died single, were all married and settled within five miles of his homestead. By his wife, Polly, who died, 1820, aged 50 years, he had ten children; Mr. Russell married 2nd Ruth Clark, by whom he had a daughter. Mr. Russell died, 1851, aged 81 years. His children were:

Polly, born January 29, 1794, in Connecticut, married Joel Cook of Orwell, and was the mother of Rev. Darwin, Mary, Cyrus, Seth, Ralph and Dr. Philip B.

Eunice, born June 23, 1796, in Sheshequin, married James Smith of Orwell, and was the mother of Burton, James, Alzara (Mrs. Herbert Parks) and Mary.

Lydia, born February 4, 1798, in Orwell, being the first birth in the town, married William Alger of Orwell.

Roswell, born July 17, 1800, married Roxanna Bandall; died, 1852.

Candace, born March 21, 1802; died unmarried at the age of 22.

Harriet, born February 6, 1804, married Merrick B. Prince of Orwell, and was the mother of Polly (Mrs. Merritt Cole), Martha (Mrs. Kirby Smith), David and Lyman D.

John, born November 26, 1806, married Sibyl Thatcher of Orwell.

Burton, born September 8, 1808, married Sally Ellsworth of Orwell. Children: Mary A. (Mrs. William Harrington), Helen M. (Mrs. Amos Jillson), Dan E., Mercur J., Ralph L., Samuel C., Asa.

Dan, born November 2, 1810, married Deborah Ann Forbes of Rome.

Nathaniel, born May 19, 1812, married Juliette Morey and occupied the homestead; had two sons, Stephen and Perry N., and four daughters.

Tamasin, born September 2, 1821; died, aged 3 years.

Ezra Spalding was born November 5, 1754, at Plainfield, Conn. He was a son of Andrew and Delight (Dean) Spalding, and was a descendant in the fifth generation from Edward Spalding, the first of the family to settle in America. Ezra received a good common school education, and had also studied navigation and surveying until he became well versed in these subjects, but never had much practice in either. He was reared upon a farm, an occupation which he followed, and was

esteemed one of the most successful farmers in his native county. In 1776 he joined the American army and served three months. In a short time his country again called for his services and he promptly responded, serving nine months in the militia and after his discharge returned to his father's farm. March 11, 1781, he was united in marriage with Hannah Eaton. In 1791 he removed to Tolland, Conn., and in 1793 to Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y. Here he purchased a farm and worked it three years, when on account of continued sickness in his family he found it necessary to sell his farm and leave that part of the country. In the Fall of 1795 he moved to Sheshequin. Leaving his family there during the following winter, he and his son, Horace, went up the Towanda Creek into what is now Canton township and located a farm under Connecticut title. Having chopped a fallow of about four acres and built a log cabin, he returned to Sheshequin for his family, and in the month of February (1796) moved them to his new home. His goods were loaded on an ox-sled, and Col. John Spalding took the family in a sleigh with horses. They made the trip in about four days, picking their way through the woods and frequently being compelled to stop to clear out a way for the team.

Mr. Spalding suffered all the inconveniences of living in a new country and endured many privations. He could raise no more grain than was needed for the sustenance of the family, while maple sugar was the only product with which to buy groceries, clothing and other articles, and Tioga Point and Williamsport the nearest points at which they could do their trading. When Mr. Spalding purchased his Connecticut right, he supposed he had a good title to his farm, but when the question of title began to be raised, he was, at the suggestion of a neighbor who had been an inmate of his house, sued for a small debt, the summons being returnable to Williamsport. While there he was arrested under the "intrusion law," but gave bail for his appearance at court. After several days the cause was brought on. Mr. Spalding was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of $200, costs of court and be imprisoned for a time in the county jail. He gave security for the payment of his fine, served out his period of imprisonment and returned to his family. The Pennamite party, who had instituted the prosecution, enraged at Mr. Spalding's return and his persistency in holding to his Connecticut title, determined to drive him from the country. The payment of his fine was demanded and in default, the sheriff of Lycoming county levied on all his property, which was sold, and then set fire to his house and burned it to the ground, leaving his family in the beginning of winter homeless and shelterless. A friend bought in his

property and left it at his disposal, and as the season was too late to build, he accepted the offer of a small log house, owned by Eleazer Allis. After about a year he built a larger house, which was a place of entertainment for many years, Mr. Spalding having been licensed a taverner. The house stood on the public road from Williamsport to Elmira, and both the house and its owner became well known to the traveling public. In 1801 Mr. Spalding obtained a lease of the Asylum Company for his farm, which was resurveyed in 1804 and conveyed to him in legal form. Mr. Spalding was one of the most prominent citizens in the Towanda Creek settlement and filled numerous local offices. He died January 1, 1828, and is buried in the family plot on the farm now owned by John H. Brown. The children of Ezra and Hannah Spalding were :

Lucy, born March 9, 1782, married David Bailey, died February 14, 1814, in Canton, without issue.

Horace, born July 25, 1783, married Harriet Chaapel of LeRoy, died April, 1879, at Canton. Children: Lucy (Mrs. John W. Griffin), Horace F,, Laura (Mrs. Sylvanus Kendall), George C., Lois B. (Mrs. Edwin Newman).

Betsey, born February 26, 1785, married John Griffin, died October 11, 1863, in Athens.

William Pierce, born January 17, 1787, married Eleanor Watts, died February 22, 1867. Children: Andrew E., John M., Betsy W. (Mrs. Loren Morse), Jane (Mrs. Richard Hews), Elizabeth (Mrs. Lorenzo Morse), Ezra F., James W.

Delight, born March 17, 1790, married William B. Spalding, died May 11, 1844. Children: Sarah (Mrs. Francis S. Rice), Ezra, Hannah (Mrs. John Beidleman), Joseph E. and Anna (Mrs. William Scott).

Moody Family is of English origin, their history having been traced to Reginald Moody of County Norfolk in the reign of Edward I, A. D. 1272. The first of the name to come to America was William Moody, who with his wife, Sarah Sewall, left Ispwick and sailed from Southampton on the ship, "Mary and John," April 10, 1634. He landed at Boston, the last of May, and settled first at Ispwick then (1635) at Newbury, where he was a saddler and furrier and smith, being the inventor of the ox-shoe and the first shoer of oxen. The sons of William and Sarah (Sewall) Moody from whom most of the Moodys in this country are descendent, were : Caleb, Samuel and Joshua. *Joshua* was a celebrated divine, and unlike many other civil and religous leaders, tried to stay the popular tide of witchcraft. *Samuel's* de-

scendants are living in Newburyport, Arthur Moody on the original farm, occupied by William Moody, this farm never having been out of the family name. William H. Moody, former Justice of the Supreme Court and Secretary of the Navy, was of this branch. *Caleb*, from whom the Moodys in Northern Pennsylvania are descendent, was also the ancestor of Rev. Samuel Moody of York, Me. He was known as "Father Moody" and preached in the York parish nearly fifty years. He was chaplain in the Cape Breton expedition. His daughter, Mary, was the ancestress of Ralph Waldo Emerson. The Moody family in New England show characteristics of literary, oratorical and religious order. In the early days their names were prominent on the Harvard and Yale rolls. The Moody coat-of-arms indicates their being early warriors and the religious symbols their belief in the Trinity. Caleb and Judith (Bradbury) Moody had a son, Benjamin, who married Anne Bradstreet. Their son, Humphrey, married Abigail Peasley and had children: Nathaniel Peasley, Benjamin, Abiah, Moses, Martha, Jacob, Bradstreet, William, Abigail.

Nathaniel Peasley Moody, son of Humphrey and Abigail (Peasley) Moody, was born September 15, 1760, at Haverhill, Mass. At the commencement of the Revolutionary war he was a member of the senior class at Yale College, but he promptly laid aside his books and enlisted on an American privateer. His vessel had scarcely passed outside the port of Boston, when it was picked up by a British man-of-war. He was pressed into the Dutch service and held nearly two years before he was exchanged. He immediately rejoined the American army, served until the close of the war and rose to the rank of major. He participated in the battles of Monmouth and Stony Point, and was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was one of the picked men under General Wayne in his memorable and successful night attack on Stony Point, July 15, 1779. Three of Nathaniel's brothers and his father, also, served through the war. While they were in the army their home was visited by the British and burned. One of the brothers, Benjamin, was six feet and four inches tall. He was a giant in strength, lived to be 94 years old and was long remembered for his physical feats.

In 1790 Nathaniel was united in marriage with Susan Griffin of Great Barrington, Mass. Here he resided until March, 1795, when with his oxen and sled, wife and three children, Enos, Moses and Mazentius, he started for the "far West." They crossed the Hudson on the ice at the city of Hudson and arrived, after many weary days of travel, at Tioga Point, where he heard of a place a few miles below

called Sheshequin, whither they went, and, weary and worn with their long journey, resolved to go no farther. Levi Thayer at this time, claimed under the Connecticut title, not only all the lands now included in Rome, but a large tract of the surrounding country. His surveyor ran out the lands into tracts, and also a township which Thayer called "Watertown." Moody helped Thayer cut a road from the valley of Sheshequin to the Wysox creek, and purchased a piece of land of him near the confluence of Bullard creek with the Wysox. In the Autumn of 1796 he erected a log cabin and in May, 1797, went with his family to his forest home. Another son, Simon Spalding, had been added in the meantime, who was ten months old when the family took up their abode in the wilds of Rome.

Mr. Moody's hardships and privations were many. He is remembered as a "model pioneer farmer, strong and tough, about six feet tall, naturally good natured but rough when molested; was fond of Homer, Virgil and Milton, which he often quoted by the page, and sung war songs of the English navy for the entertainment of his friends." His wife died in 1816, and he spent his last days at Osceola, Tioga county, Pa., where he died, 1832, and is buried. Their children were:

Enos settled at Owego and died, 1830.

Moses, born October 5, 1790, married Phœbe Allen (page 120), died March 26, 1874, in Rome.

Mezentius died in boyhood in Rome.

Simon Spalding removed to Illinois and died there, 1885.

Benjamin, born in 1798, was the first white child born in Rome, married Jane, daughter of Dr. Jabez Chamberlain, died December 16, 1839, in Asylum.

Nathaniel married Sally, daughter of William Snyder, died January 29, 1853, aged 53 years, in Sheshequin.

Polly died unmarried, 1820, aged 20 years, in Indiana.

Abigail married Oliver D. Chamberlain, died January 10, 1864, aged 56 years, in Asylum.

Ulysses, born May 9, 1811, married Mary A., daughter of Nathaniel Terry, died April 13, 1899, in Asylum, having been in the mercantile business over 60 years; had Nathaniel P. and Mary (Mrs. Tiliston D. Spring).

Arnold Colt, a native of Lyme, Conn., who had settled in the Wyoming Valley, removed to Tioga Point, 1795. He took an active part in public affairs, and in 1798 was elected sheriff of Luzerne county, his predecessors in office, being from the same locality, Col. John Frank-

lin, 1792, and William Slocum, 1795. Soon after his election, Mr. Colt returned to Wilkes-Barre and was prominent in public life many years.

Joseph Pierce, a carpenter by occupation, who had married Temperance, daughter of Samuel Luckey, came to Pike, 1796. His wife, with a babe in her arms, rode on horseback all the way from Kingston. After a few years Mr. Pierce removed to Ithaca, N. Y., where he died, 1804. His son, *Benjamin*, born March 11, 1796, afterwards returned to Pike and took up blacksmithing with Dimon Bostwick. He married Mehitable Brink and subsequently followed farming near LeRaysville; died February 5, 1881. He was the father of Col. Lewis B. Pierce.

John Knapp, who served his country in the struggle for Independence, removed from Orange county, N. Y., to what is now LeRoy township, settling near West Franklin, 1796. He manufactured and supplied the pioneers with wooden mould-board plows having but one handle. He was for a number of years postmaster of the only post-office on Towanda creek between Monroeton and Canton. He was granted a pension under the Act of 1832. In his closing years he removed to Springfield township, where he died, 1836. He had married Eunice Wilcox, by whom he had the following children: Samuel, Aaron, Mary (Mrs. Jesse Robart), Eunice (Mrs. Rinearson), Amos, John, Prudy (Mrs. A. Teeter), Betsy (Mrs. Stone), William, Janet (Mrs. B. Elliott) and Mahala (Mrs. T. Beardsley).

Daniel Allen was too old to enter the service himself, but furnished three sons to the cause, resulting in the establishment of the Independence of the American colonies. He was of English descent and was born April 25, 1718, near Providence, R. I. He married September 8, 1745, Sarah Sprague of Smithfield, R. I. He removed with his family first to Dutchess county, N. Y., thence to the Wyoming Valley before the Revolutionary war. Here he was residing at the time of the massacre and was included in the capitulation. Three of his sons, Isaac, David and Stephen, were at the battle and "escaped from the Tories and Indians through the assistance of a friendly Indian, while the savages were having a pow-wow." Men, women and children went on foot through the wilderness to Dutchess county, the Allens returning to Wyoming after the war. In 1796 the three brothers who had served in the war removed to Towanda creek and built a grist-mill at Franklindale. Their younger brother, Daniel, joined them the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Allen accompanied their sons to Franklin, where the former died in 1802 and the latter in

1812, aged 84 years. Both are buried at West Franklin. Their four sons were:

Isaac, born December 18, 1753, married Betsy Miller, died January 16, 1825, in Champaign county, Ohio.

David Sprague, born April 25, 1756, married Mary Smith, by whom he had children, Nehemiah and Polly. He died about 1837 and is buried beside his wife at West Franklin. *Polly* married Daniel Webber. *Nehemiah* had children: David, John, William, Solomon, Eleanor (Mrs. Nathan Wilcox), Polly (Mrs. Samuel Webber), Lydia (Mrs. Thomas T. Smiley), Huldah (Mrs. Stephen Lattimer) and Sally. He married for his second wife, Susanna, widow of John Smiley (page 251). They had no children; he died November 16, 1838, aged 50 years.

Stephen Oney, born September 17, 1758, during the years 1779-'80 served in VanWoert's regiment of New York militia. He married Jemima Dodd; removed from Franklin to Wysox and spent his last years with his son, John; died April 17, 1831, and is buried beside his wife in the Pond Hill cemetery. Their children were: *John*, born February 17, 1792, married Azubah Westbrook (page 191), died September 30, 1870; she died April 8, 1862, in her 72nd year. Children: Anna (Mrs. E. T. Dutcher), Celestia (Mrs. Stephen Harlow), Celinda (Mrs. Dayton Allen). *Joseph* married 1st Polly Johnson, by whom he had two sons, Dayton and Julius B.; married 2nd Clarissa White and had children: Seymour W., Stephen O., Joseph H., Clarissa (died unmarried), Jemima (Mrs. J. C. Forbes) and John A. *Oney*, born October 27, 1807, married Polly Dutcher, died November 15, 1886; she, born February 19, 1810, died March 24, 1884. Children: Charles S., Junia W., John H., Mary E. (Mrs. R. R. Dimon), Matilda (Mrs. Silas Hiney) and Franklin T. *Sally* married George Davidson. *Ruth* married Henry Westbrook. *Jemima* married Jacob Emery.

Daniel, born October 28, 1764, married Anna Dodd. In 1824 he removed to Champaign county, Ohio, thence to Tazewell county, Ill., where he died February 14, 1847.

John Parks, born January 12, 1753, in Connecticut, served his country in the struggle for Independence. He married January 12, 1775, Sarah Wallen. In 1795 he removed with his family from Connecticut, locating in Standing Stone, thence to Rome in 1801. Here he continued to reside until his death, September 27, 1820. At his house occurred the first wedding and the first religious preaching in Rome.

His wife, born August 25, 1761, died March 22, 1843. Both are buried in the Woodburn cemetery, Wysox. Their children were:

Sarah married Nehemiah Northrup (page 228).

Lois married Eliphalet Clark, Rome.

Chloe married June 14, 1801, James Lent. This was the first marriage consummated in Rome (page 7).

Joseph, unmarried, was killed by lightning, September 15, 1804.

John married Margaret Strope (page 95).

Hannah married William Snyder, Sheshequin.

Calvin married a Miss Green of Litchfield.

Chauncey married Nancy Merrill, Litchfield.

Harry L. married Electa Allis of Orwell.

Robert McDowell (McDole) joined the West Burlington settlement on Sugar Creek, 1792. He was evidently from Chemung. In 1795 he died, his being the first grave in the old cemetery. His widow, Susanna, afterwards occupied his estate. James McDowell, a later resident, may have been a son.

James Irwin established himself at Tioga Point about 1792, first as a merchant, then as an inn keeper. He was also quite an extensive dealer in real estate. He married Lucy, daughter of Noah Murray, who died in Athens, December 10, 1800, aged 29 years. A few years thereafter Irwin removed to Elmira and later to Painted Post.

Peter Miller, a Revolutionary soldier, came to Standing Stone as a settler in 1796. He married a Miss Abbott, whose father was a sea captain and lived in Baltimore, Md. They had no children. Mr. Miller, who was a pensioner, died in the Rummerfield neighborhood in the Winter of 1823. His wife died a few years later at the home of Daniel Coolbaugh in Wysox.

Dr. Jabez Chamberlain was a native of Dutchess county, N. Y. He was a son of Dr. John Chamberlain, who was of a family that took an active part in the Revolutionary war. Jabez studied medicine with Dr. Fowler, a celebrated physician of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He married Jane Wilson and began practice. A son, William, was born unto them, Mrs. Chamberlain soon after dying. He then went to the Wyoming Valley and practiced, where he became acquainted with the family of Samuel Gilbert. The latter having moved to Asylum, he came also and July 9, 1795, married Mr. Gilbert's daughter, Irene. He went to the state of New York, practiced a few years, then returned to Asylum, where he remained until the time of his death, September 30, 1848, aged 81 years and 5 months. Dr. Chamberlain for many

years rode over an extensive field in Southern Bradford. His wife, Irene, born April 14, 1772, died January 6, 1867, aged nearly 95 years. She is remembered as a very bright and interesting old lady. Their children were: Matilda, Adah C., Gilbert, Jane, Maria, Oliver D., John F. and Joseph M.

William married Susan Merritt and resided in Wyalusing township. Children: Lyman, William, Asa, Amanda, Ada, Jane, Rachel, Theresa, John, Emeline, Rev. Gilbert and Jabez, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood.

Matilda married John Laporte; died August 5, 1838, aged 42 years, 5 months and 10 days. Children: Bartholomew, Elizabeth, Samuel McKean.

Adah C., born July 17, 1799, married Joseph M. Bishop, died December 3, 1859, in Macedonia. Children: Helen (Mrs. Thomas Keen), Edwin M , Irene (Mrs. Charles Kellum).

Gilbert married Deborah Terry; died November 27, 1841, without issue, at Frenchtown, aged 40 years.

Jane married Benjamin Moody; died December 15, 1843, in Asylum, aged 37 years. Children: Adelpha (Mrs. Jesse Spalding), Ada Jane (Mrs. Nelson Hanson), Dr. Horace, Josephine (Mrs. Charles Stevens), Marcus (went to sea and never returned), Perry.

Maria married Frank Brown and lived in Wysox. Children: Julius, Ada Ellen, Charlotte, Eugene and Joseph M.

Oliver D., born February 24, 1812, married 1st Huldah Donley and had children: Myron, Mary Jane (Mrs. Asa Chamberlain), Margaret (Mrs. Burton Camp); married 2nd Abigail Moody (born November 25, 1817, died January 10, 1864), their children being Joseph G., Maria (Mrs. C. D. Passage), Matilda (Mrs. S. B. Eilenberger), Edwin, Amanda (Mrs. Gilbert Lathrop), Emma (Mrs. Norman Hausauer), Ada; married 3rd Mrs. Rebecca Deerduff, and had a daughter, Mary. Mr. Chamberlain died May 28, 1883, in Wyalusing.

John F., born September 14, 1814, married Susan Terry, died March 11, 1881, in Wyalusing; followed merchandising and farming; was State Representative, 1868, '69 and '70. Children: Nancy Irene, (Mrs. James A. Bunnell), Gilbert, George F., Jennie E. and Dr. John W.

Joseph M. died December 9, 1836, in his 20th year.

Johnson Brothers. who were prominent pioneers in Eastern Bradford, were from Burlington, Litchfield county, Conn. Their parents were Artemas and Mary Johnson, whose children were: Edmund, Asahel, William, Truman, Mary (Mrs. John Cowles and Elizabeth.

The father died in Connecticut and the mother in Orwell, October 23, 1820, in her 74th year.

Asahel Johnson, born February 28, 1768, in company with Zenas Cook, winter of 1795-'96, came to Sheshequin, which they made their headquarters, while they explored the surrounding country. Orwell was selected as a desirable territory for a settlement. A company of Mr. Johnson's neighbors was formed, who purchased an entire town (Minden) of 36 square miles, he taking 3,000 acres. In 1797 Mr. Johnson moved into the wilderness with his family, settling the Conklin place. His first years were a severe struggle, and he was compelled to work much at Sheshequin to procure grain for family supplies, during which time Mrs. Johnson remained alone with her small children, caring for them and the cow, their only stock. His wife was Beulah Hitchcock, born February 19, 1770, died September 13, 1851. Mr. Johnson died in Orwell, November 25, 1857. Their children were:

Lydia died at the age of 14 years.
Artemas settled and died in Clearfield county.
Simeon married Lydia Benham, died in Illinois.
Amanda married Amasa Bowen, died in Illinois.
Charlotte married Chauncey Grant, died in Illinois.
Joel, born May 18, 1799, was the first male child to see the light in Orwell, married Sophronia Benham, died November 6, 1880, in Orwell.
Wealthy married Loren Brown, removed to Canada.
Julia married Henry Johnson, removed to Cincinnati, Ohio.
Clarissa married Roswell Wilson, died in Iowa.
Lydia married Harry Wilson, lived in Warren.
Nelson married Olive Fletcher and died at LeRaysville.
Mary died in Clearfield county.

Truman Johnson, born October 9, 1775, came to Orwell, 1796, settling the Darling place. He had married Huldah, daughter of Joel Cook, Sr. Mr. Johnson subsequently moved to Pike, where he died March 14, 1831.

William Johnson, born April 14, 1772, located in Pike, 1798. For two years, while making his first improvements, he carried his provisions in upon his back from Sheshequin. Mr. Johnson was also a shoemaker and tanned the leather which he used. He had married Abigail Hart, and had three children: *Denison*, who occupied the homestead and also followed shoemaking; *Mary* married Adolphus Olmstead; *Emily* married John Baker. Mr. Johnson died September 6, 1853, and his wife, 1858, aged 81 years.

Taxable Inhabitants 1796 of Bradford county as nearly as can be ascertained from the assessment rolls were as follows:

Wyalusing District

Then comprising a strip extending across the county, being the southern section with more than one-third the county's area;

Silas F. Andrews
Benjamin Ackley
Nathan Abbott
John Amup
George Aubry
Sherman Buck
Gideon Baldwin, Sr.
Gideon Baldwin, Jr.
Judah Benjamin
Richard Benjamin
Samuel Baker
Ezekiel Brown
Daniel Brown
Humphrey Brown
Lucretius Blacons
John Bradshaw
Silas Beardsley
Dimon Bostwick
Peter Brunert
Laurence Buzard
John Brecdellier
John Brevost
Stephen Beckwith
Benjamin Crawford
Jedediah Coon
Mancy Colin
Job Camp
Samuel Crooks
John Dorrance
Oliver Dodge
William Dalton
Francis Demene
Francis Dandelot
Widow d'Autremont
William Dimmead
Lazarus Ellis
Joseph Elliott
Henry Ellsworth
Joseph Ellsworth
Ephraim Fairchild
Elijah Fromente
James Gordon
Samuel Gordon
Chauncey Gaylord
Justus Gaylord, Sr.
Justus Gaylord, Jr.
Samuel Gilbert
James Hines
Isaac Hancock
John Horton
Joseph Ingham
John Keaton
Mark Keeney
Richard Keeney
Elisha Keeler
Nathan Kingsley
Anthony B. Lafevre
Louis Lafevre
Bartholomew Laporte
Casinere LaRoue
Francis LaRoue
Samuel Luckey
Thomas Lewis
David Lake
James Lake
Robert Lattimore
Joseph Maurice
James Montulle
John Mancy
Guy Noailles
Thomas Oviatt
John Ogden
Philip Place
Reuben Place
Uriah Persons
Joseph Preston
Zachariah Price
John Pegar
James Quick
Lewis Rhoads
James Rockwell
Samuel Rockwell
John Rosset
Josiah Rogers
Eleazer Russell
Daniel Ross
Jesse Ross
Joseph Ross
Samuel Seeley
Fred Sheer
Jacob Swar
Aden Stevens
Nathan Stevens
David Shoemaker
John Shoemaker
Oliver Sesson
Chris'r Schoonover
Sophia Sibert
Thomas Smiley
Joseph Stalford
Abraham Taylor
Daniel Turrell
Job Turrell
Jonathan Terry
Joshua Terry
Nathan Terry
Parshall Terry
Uriah Terry
Joseph Todd
Thomas Tillotson
Omer Talon
Jonn Taylor
Joseph C. Town
Thomas Wigton
Thomas Wright
Amasa Wells
Guy Wells
Reuben Wells
Nathan Winton
Miner York
David Young
Robert Young
Anthony Vanderpool

David Lake and James Lake joined the Merryall settlement, 1791 They remained only a few years.

James Hines was from Ballibay, Ireland. He probably came to Wyalusing at about the same time as Samuel Gordon. He married Sarah, daughter of Isaac Hancock, and moved to Pike.

Nathan Winton, June 6, 1793, conveys a piece of land in Wyalusing to Humphrey Brown. He remained a few years after this transaction.

Silas Beardsley became a settler in Standing Stone under Connecticut title, 1794. He early removed to Susquehanna county, where he died.

Thomas Tillotson was a settler in Pike, 1795, near the county line.

Jonas Gere from Rhode Island located in Canton township at Grover, 1795. He sold to Orr Scoville, 1800, and moved away.

Jonathan Prosser, a German, established himself at Canton Corners, 1795, making the first improvements within the present Canton borough. He sold to Jacob Granteer, 1801, and soon after moved to other parts.

Tioga District

In 1796 was a strip 12 miles wide extending across the county from Breakneck Run to the New York State line:

David Alexander
James Bostick
Joseph Biles
Andreas Budd
Stephen Bidlack
Solomon Beebe
David Bosworth
George Brown
Obadiah Brown
Ichabod Blackman
Benjamin Brink
James Brink
Chester Bingham
Samuel Baker
Perez Bardwell
Joseph Bennett
James Braffit
Ezra Caswell
Isaac Cash
Siba Canfield
Negro Chintz
Benjamin Clark
Ambrose Collins
Isaac Collins
Benjamin Cole
Benjamin Cole, Jr.
Stephen Cole
Arnold Colt
Ananias Conkling
Seelye Crawford
James Goble
Avery Gore
Obadiah Gore
Samuel Gore
James Gordon
Eliphalet Gustin
Alpheus Harris
Jonathan Harris
Samuel Hepburn
Stephen Hopkins
Eli Holcomb
Eli Holcomb, Jr.
Truman Holcomb
Elijah Horton
Elijah Horton, Jr.
Isaac Horton
John Hutchinson
James Irwin
William Johnson
Eldad Kellogg
Josiah Kellogg
Joseph Kinney
Samuel Lane
Michael Laughry
William Laughry
Augustus Loomis
Wright Loomis
Benjamin Luce
Joseph Mansfield
David Markham
David Paine
Moses Park
Thomas Park
Jesse Phelps
Asahel Powell
Jonathan Ransom
John Reddington
David Riggs
Daniel Roberts
Matthew Rogers
David Ross
Gideon Salisbury
Joseph Salisbury
Benedict Satterlee
Elias Satterlee
Elisha Satterlee
Jeremiah Shaw
Jedediah Shaw
John Shepard
Adrial Simons
Jonas Smith
Joseph Smith
Lockwood Smith
George Snell
Bolina Snow
Peter Snyder
John Spalding
John Spalding, Jr.
Joseph Spalding
Simon Spalding

Espy Crane
Israel Cranmer
Jeremiah Cranmer
James Curry
William Curry
William Curry, Jr.
Timothy Culver
Jane Curtricht
Daniel Curtis
John Deakin
Henry Decker
Peter Dingman
Christopher Dutcher
Thomas Ellis
William Ferguson
Zephon Flower
Arnold Franklin
John Franklin
John Fuller
Reuben Fuller
Stephen Fuller
Robert Gardner
Joseph Garris
Lemuel Gaylord
Josiah Green
Elisha Matthewson
Guy Maxwell
Josiah Marshall
Robert McAlhoe
Samuel McAlhoe
Cornelius McDaniels
Daniel McDuffee
Henry McKinney
Francis Mesusan
Johnston Miller
John Miller
Daniel Minier
Nathaniel P. Moody
Daniel Moore
Noah Murray
Abel Newell
John Newell
John Newell, Jr.
Josiah Newell
Nehemiah Northrup
Widow Ovenshire
Ludlow Owens
James Parker
Jeremiah Parker
Samuel Parker
Peter Stevens
Michael Stofflebeam
Ira Stephens
John Swain
Samuel Swift
Levi Thayer
Julius Tozer
Absalom Travis
Schureman Travis
Sylvenus Travis
Solomon Tracy
Josiah Tuttle
William Tuttle
Joseph Tyler
Joshua VanFleet
James Ward
Cherrick Westbrook
Leonard Westbrook
Morris Wilcox
John Wilson
William Wilson
Ephraim Wright
Abel Yarrington

Persons were assessed by occupations as follows: *Blacksmith*—Isaac Collins, Siba Canfield, John Reddington; *Bookkeeper*—Espy Crane; *Cabinet Maker*—Johnston Miller; *Carpenter or Joiner*—Joseph Bennett, James Gordon, Jeremiah Parker; *Distiller*—Benjamin Luce, Joseph Mansfield, Matthew Rogers, John Spalding; *Innkeeper*—David Alexander, Arnold Colt, Elisha Matthewson, John Shepard; *Judge*—Obadiah Gore; *Justice*—Joseph Kinney; *Merchant*—Matthias Hollenback, Samuel Hepburn, James Irwin; *Millwright*—John Miller; *Miller*—James Bostick; *Physician*—Solomon Beebe, Stephen Hopkins; *Schoolmaster*—Jesse Phelps; *Shoemaker*—Henry Decker, William Johnson, Gideon Salisbury, Elias Satterlee; *Shopkeeper*—David Paine; *Surveyor*—Joseph Biles, Christopher Dutcher; *Turner*—James Curry.

Solomon Bennett and Uriah Stephens were settlers under Connecticut title in Athens from 1784 to 1790, when they sold to Samuel Swift, who after occupying said land two years, conveyed (1792) to Wright Loomis.

Daniel Church, 1791, residing in the Athens district.

Philip Crans, 1792, living in Athens.

Josiah Green, 1792, residing in Athens.

Israel Luce, weaver, and Benjamin Luce, Jr., farmer, were residing in the Sheshequin neighborhood, 1792–'96.

Joseph Thomas, 1793, living in Tioga.

Dr. John Dorman, 1794, practicing at Sheshequin.

Daniel Curtis of Tioga, December 12, 1794, conveys to Noadiah Kendall of Granby, Conn., a lot of land on Sugar Creek, next to lands of Robert McDowell and Stephen Ballard.

Ambrose Collins, 1794, a brickmaker, having a brick-yard was located in the Athens neighborhood. He married a daughter of Noah Murray and moved to Missouri.

Dr. Champion Scofield practicing in the Sheshequin locality, 1794–'96.

James Thompson, 1794, living in Tioga.

Dr. Solomon Beebe, 1795, locates at Athens.

Wysox District

Comprised the central strip, 5¾ miles wide, lying between Tioga and Wyalusing and extending across the county:

Benjamin Acla
Joseph Ballard
Stephen Ballard
Joshua Bailey
Perez Bardwell
Charles Bartley
David Barington
Amos Bennett
Amos Bennett, Jr.
Gideon Bennett
John Bennett
Joseph Bennett
Thomas Bennett
Henry Birney
John Blanden
Charles Boulogne
Jacob Bowman
Nathan Bull
Henry Bunnell
Moses Calkins
Usual Carter
Barnabas Clark
John Clark
Samuel Clark
Moses Coolbaugh
William Coolbaugh
Abisha Cole
John Cole
Samuel Cole
Samuel Covel
James Cornet
Amy Cranmer
John Cranmer
Nathaniel Edsall
Frederick Eiklor
Jehial Ferris
Abraham Foster
Isaac Foster
Rufus Foster
Philip Fox
Rudolph Fox
Jehial Franklin
Solomon Franklin
Jacob Gibson
Thomas Gibson
Richard Goff
Jacob Granteer
Richard Griffin
Francis Gullow
Nathaniel Hickok
John Hinman
Luther Hinman
Elijah Head
George Head
George Head, Jr.
Daniel Holley
Thomas Hollis
James Huff
Elisha Hubbard
Peter Huyck
William Huyck
Job Irish
Thomas Judd
Ebenezer Kendall
Jesse Lamphere
Ebenezer Lee
John Parks
Abraham Parmeter
John Peppers
Felix Powell
Jonathan Prosser
Zachariah Price
Gilbert Roberts
John Roberts
Ezra Rutty
Samuel Rutty
Abner Seely
Joseph Seely
Oliver Seely
Resolve Session
Orr Scovell
Silas Scovell
Samuel Shores
Casper Singer
Nathan Smith
John Schrader
Samuel Soverhill
Martin Stratton
Timothy Stratton
John Streator
Henry Strope
Isaac Strope
Sebastian Strope
Stephen Strickland
Reese Stevens
Isaac Swain
Henry Talliday
John Talliday
Henry Tuttle

Noadiah Cranmer	James Lewis	Ezekiel Vergason
Samuel Cranmer	John Lewis	Rufus Vergason
Michael Crouse	Adam Mann	Solomon Vergason
William Daugherty	Ralph Martin	Joseph Wallace
Widow McDowell	James McKean	William Webber
Paul DeWitt	William Means	Daniel Wilcox
William DeWitt	Theopholus Moger	Daniel Wilcox, Jr.
William Dobbins	Joshua Nun	Stephen Wilcox
John Dorman	Samuel Nun	Joshua Wythe

Elisha Hubbard, one of the earliest settlers and an active member in the original Wysox church, died in Wysox before 1799.

Lemuel Lewis, 1791, residing in Wysox.

Joseph Gee and mother, Dolly, 1791, were living on Towanda creek in the Granteer neighborhood.

Elisha White, 1792, located on Sugar Creek.

Ebenezer Lee and Ebenezer Lee, Jr., 1792, residing in the Wysox neighborhood.

Capt. Abner Seely and Joseph Seely, both of whom were coopers, were located on Sugar Creek, North Towanda, 1793.

Michael Crouse, 1793, living near the mouth of Towanda Creek.

Patrick Mullen, 1794, living in Wysox.

Henry Bunnell, 1794, located on lower Towanda Creek.

Francis Jones, 1794, distiller at Wysox.

Jeremiah Brooks, 1794, a noted weaver and dresser of skins, residing in the Wysox neighborhood. He had a daughter Catury.

Felix Powell, 1796, living on Towanda Creek at Aaron Gillett's saw-mill.

William Webber, 1796, living on upper Sugar Creek.

Jehial Ferris, a shoemaker from Delaware county, N. Y., joined the West Burlington settlement, 1795, securing land afterwards known as the Lydia Patrick property. Mr. Ferris had been married but losing his wife, 1791, placed his children among friends and came to the new country to re-establish a home. In 1799 he married Mrs. Timothy Beach of Unadilla, N. Y., two of her sons, Jesse and Timothy Beach accompanying her to Burlington. She was a brave, Christian woman who had passed through many trying experiences. Her death occurred, 1813, and the next year, Mr. Ferris married Mrs. Elizabeth Prouty. He died June 9, 1833 in his 90th year, and his last wife in 1850.

Ebenezer Kendall, a single young man, with a knapsack, containing all his worldly possessions, upon his back, came on foot and alone from Connecticut to Sugar Creek, 1795. He located on the

Thomas Blackwell farm. He was stirring and enterprising and before the year 1812 opened a house of public entertainment, being the only inn on Sugar Creek above Rutty's. "Kendall's Hotel" became a noted stopping place and rallying point of the settlers. Mr. Kendall was prominent in the affairs of the community and acquired a large amount of real estate. He finally sold and moved to the shores of Lake Erie and later to Illinois, where he died. He had married Jane, daughter of William Dobbins. Of their children remembered were Elam, Lorenzo, Dyer, Hazard, James, Sally and Ebenezer. *Elam* married Deborah, daughter of Wm. Knapp and remained in Burlington; *Sally* married Platt Smith of Ulster.

Ozias Bingham in the spring of 1777 raised a company of teamsters for the Continental army and was assigned to the brigade commanded by Major-General Alexander McDougal. He joined Washington's army at White Marsh and two days later participated in the battle of Germantown. Following, he was at Valley Forge where he remained until May, 1778, when he was sent into New England to forward to headquarters the artillery which had been taken from General Burgoyne. After this duty was performed he was taken sick, in consequence of which, March, 1779, he was discharged and returned to his family in Connecticut. In 1795-'96 Mr. Bingham, having lost his wife and provided homes for his children, left Connecticut to find and share the prosperity of his brother, Chester, settled at Ulster. Soon after reaching the county he met and married Martha, daughter of Ezra Rutty. Locating in North Towanda he plied his trade of skin-dresser and in the improvement of a piece of land. In his closing years he enjoyed the benefits of a pension, granted by the government for his faithful services. Mr. Bingham died February 9, 1845 in his 95th year and his wife, November 16, 1826, aged 62 years. Both are buried in Riverside cemetery. They had two sons:

John W. married Electa Foster and died, 1830, upon the homestead.

George W. married Hannah Mills, was drowned, 1831, in running a raft over Shamokin dam.

Stalford Family—Samuel Stalford, a veterinary surgeon, born March 1, 1718, in Scotland, came to Philadelphia, 1739, and there about 1750 married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bevans) Richardson. Her grandfather, Samuel Richardson, a Quaker, emigrated from England to Philadelphia, 1688. Samuel Stalford after his marriage settled in Montgomery county. He had three children: James (died young), Joseph, a Wyalusing pioneer, and Mary, who

James (died young), Joseph, a Wyalusing pioneer, and Mary, who married Edward Dougherty. Mrs. Stalford, born September 17, 1717, died, 1790, at Baumstown, Pa. Mr. Stalford accompanied his son to Wyalusing, where he died March 17, 1802, aged 84 years.

Joseph Stalford, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Richardson) Stalford, was born January 27, 1754, in Montgomery county, Pa. He married, 1780, Catherine, daughter of Henry Pawling of Providence, same county. She was reared near Valley Forge, and when Washington's army was encamped there she assisted her parents in making blankets and furnishing supplies for the destitute soldiers. Her father contributed liberally of his means and stores toward the success of the American cause. Upon his death he bequeathed to his daughter, Catherine, the land of the old Moravian mission village, which he had purchased of Job Chillaway in 1775. In 1792 Mr. Stalford moved to Wyalusing and occupied the historic site which has ever since been in the Stalford name. He lived in a log house until 1796, when he erected a two-story framed dwelling with garret and porch, enclosed with clapboards and covered with feather-edged shingles. The lumber for this house was floated down the river from Shepard's Creek above Tioga Point. It stood until July 26, 1851, when it was destroyed by a fire in which four persons lost their lives. Mr. Stalford was a successful and prosperous farmer, in 1796, having the highest valuation of any man in Wyalusing township. He died July 29, 1801; his wife, born December 29, 1745, died February 23, 1821. Both are buried in the Wyalusing cemetery. They had four children, all born in Montgomery county, as follows:

Benjamin, born June 13, 1781, married Mrs. Urania (Turrell) Peck, died December 26, 1841, in Wyalusing; she, born September 21, 1786, at Kent, Conn., died June 14, 1868, at Wyalusing. They had six children: *Levi P.*, born April 11, 1811, married Sept. 8, 1842, at Aurora, N. Y., Mary Rebecca O'Callaghan, born Oct. 16, 1818, died March 3, 1909; occupied the homestead, was a man of prominence, being associate judge of the county and filling many other local offices; died Nov. 13, 1881. *Austin*, born December 15, 1812, married September 1, 1840, Orice, daughter of John Horton of Terrytown; moved, 1852, to Rochelle, Ill., where both died. *Henry*, born November 11, 1814, died unmarried April 26, 1876. *Joel*, born December 2, 1816, married Minerva Picket, died March 30, 1866, at Wyalusing. *Nathan*, born January 10, 1819, died unmarried November 12, 1866. *Harmon*, born May 18, 1823, was killed February 24, 1855, by the accidental discharge of his gun when returning from hunting.

Elizabeth, born November 29, 1783, married Robert Robison of Lewistown, Pa., died February 2, 1819. Children: *Martha Ann*, who married Edmund Horton of Terrytown, and *Benjamin F.* married Margaret Deihl of Philadelphia.

Joseph, born March 4, 1785, married Rachel, daughter of John Birney, followed farming in Wyalusing, died June 15, 1829; she, born September 26, 1803, died April 26, 1851. Their children were: *Catherine P.* married June 6, 1843, Joseph Baker of Wyalusing; *Samuel* married Jane Smith of Rochelle, Ill.; *Mehetable* married August 14, 1847, Daniel K. Brown of Wyalusing.

John, born December 20, 1788, married November 12, 1815, Lydia, daughter of Major John Horton of Terrytown, pursued farming at Wyalusing, was a soldier War of 1812, died January 27, 1863; she, born March 14, 1791, died July 22, 1880. Their children were: *Eleanor J.*, born December 18, 1817, married September 14, 1841, Dr. D. C. Scoville of Wyalusing. *Elizabeth*, born August 20, 1819, married May 31, 1847, Cornelius Cronin of Dushore. *Joseph H.*, born July 14, 1821, married December 25, 1855, Mary Deihl of Philadelphia. *Benjamin*, born July 25, 1823, never married, was killed by the cars, March 8, 1887, at Wyalusing. *Jesse T.*, born December 8, 1825, married March 24, 1853, Jane Manley of Canton, died May 25, 1904. *Deborah*, born October 15, 1828, married May 8, 1861, John Hollenback. *John B.*, born April 6, 1830, married October 17, 1867, Emma Martin of Sugar Run, died May 28, 1907. *George H.*, born May 23, 1833, married December 11, 1864, Jane Hollenback of Wyalusing.

Reese Stevens, a shoemaker by occupation, located on lower Towanda creek, 1795. He married the widow of John Neeley; for some years lived upon the George Bowman place, where he died and was buried on the flats near the railroad.

Seelye Crofut, a native of Connecticut, born March 13, 1768, with his wife and two children in 1796 emigrated to Towanda creek, settling upon a large tract of land in LeRoy. He was the first man of a family to settle in the town, although his brothers-in-law, Hugh and Sterling Holcomb, had preceded him a year and kept bachelors' hall until their sister arrived, when they made their home with her. Mr. Crofut was a typical pioneer. He was one of the founders of the Towanda Creek Baptist church, a deacon, and for many years the meetings of that denomination were held at his house. He also organized, 1801, the first Sunday school in the town and opened the first store. Taking an active part in all public affairs he was appointed a justice of the peace, 1812, and filled various other positions with credit and honor. The long and useful life of Deacon Crofut came to a close in

1849. He had married April 12, 1790, Hannah, daughter of Eli Holcomb (page 229); she was born April 3, 1771, died June 29, 1850. Their four children were:

James S., born March 11, 1791, married June 25, 1812, Phebe Wooster, died February 10, 1823. Children: Minerva (Mrs. John H. Webber), Isaac S., Sarah (Mrs. Josiah F. Stone), Lovica (Mrs. Trout), James.

Sarah, born February 12, 1793, died unmarried in LeRoy, November 3, 1809.

Lura, born June 25, 1797, was the first child to see the light in LeRoy (page 51). She married first G. Enos Wooster, by whom she had children: Lucy (Mrs. John Rickey), Lemuel, Malvin; married second Isaac Chaapel, children being Hannah C. (Mrs. Addison Brigham), John R., Frank, Harriet (Mrs. Anson B. Carney), Charles F.

Ira, born November 2, 1803, married Maria Merry of Troy, died August 12, 1845. Children: Calpherina, Charles and Alonzo D.

Francis Watts was of Scotch-Irish parentage and a son of Sergeant James Watts, who was tomahawked and put to death by the Indians in their attack upon Fort Freeland, July 28, 1779. Francis was also a soldier of the Revolution. He served as a private in the 4th regiment of Dragoons commanded by Col. Stephen Moylan, Continental line, and also as 2nd lieutenant in the battalion of Col. Arthur Buchanan, Cumberland county Militia, 1777. He was captured by the Indians, but made his escape the same day. Mr. Watts married Jane, sister of William Means, and followed his brother-in-law to Towanda, 1796. He occupied a 400-acre tract of land extending from the Arcade block to the Blackman place, and from the river a mile westward. He built and operated a distillery some years. In 1808 Mr. Watts died suddenly while away from home, leaving a large family. His widow, who was one of the original and faithful members of the Wysox church, lived on the homestead until her death. The children of Francis and Jane Watts were:

John married Polly, daughter of Christopher Cowell of Wysox and settled in Canton township.

Squire married Margaret, daughter of Andrew Gregg and settled in Canton; was killed May, 1863, aged 63, while assisting in taking down a building.

Means married Susan Bowman, lived and died in Towanda township.

James married Rebecca Bowman and occupied the homestead, where he died August 1, 1834, in his 40th year.

Mary married Henry Mercur, was the mother of a noted family, died December 14, 1839, in Towanda, aged 49 years.

Jane married Oliver Newell, died in Canton township.

Eleanor married William P. Spalding of Canton.

Betsy married Davis Vandyke and moved to LeRoy township.

Thomas died when a young man, unmarried.

Joseph Preston came to Southern Bradford, 1795-'96, locating finally on the Andrews place in Wilmot, where he continued to reside until his death, 1827, aged 65 years. His wife lived many years after. Their ten children were: *John* married Abigail Dodge; *Joseph* married A. Z. Winslow and lived at Forkston; *George H.* married Hulda Wilson and lived in Wilmot; *Edrick* married Annar Winslow and moved West; *Polly* married John Sharts of Wilmot, *Belinda* married Nathan Terry and moved to Michigan; *Samantha* married Lyman Dodge of Franklin; *Angeline* married Oliver W. Dodge of Franklin; *Elizabeth* married Daniel Dodge of Franklin (a rather unusual circumstance, three sisters marrying three brothers, besides a brother marrying a sister of their husbands); *Sally* married John M. Quick of Wilmot.

Peter Stevens first came to Tioga Point, 1795-'96, then went to Wyalusing where he conducted a hotel, 1797, '98 and '99, on the Welles farm. He was appointed Wyalusing's first postmaster, 1801. From here he moved to Pike, and after losing his wife went West. In 1802 Daniel Sterling purchased of Stevens at Wyalusing. He kept a little store and early removed to Black Walnut.

Ebenezer B. Gregory in 1796 "came in to be rich with Yankee titles in wild land, but only procured a squatter's claim, where the village of Towanda now is." He occupied a double-log house near the river, south of Mix run. This he opened as an inn, 1802, and later as a store. Mr. Gregory was one of the original proprietors of Towanda, and donated from his portion two lots for an academy. He was a man of learning, an active member of the old Wysox church and some time its clerk. He was enterprising, but unsuccessful. His wife was an accomplished lady, and in 1810-'11 established a boarding school at her own house for young ladies and girls. "She was a strict Presbyterian, efficient, but an exacting teacher." Her maiden name was Celinda Bingham, sister of Ozias. About 1817 Mr. Gregory moved to Owego, where his wife organized another school, and he died on charity.

Henry Salisbury was born near Boston, Mass. He married Catharine, daughter of George Head of Nine Partners, N. Y., and settled at Kinderhook. While residing here his children attended the same school with Martin VanBuren. At a public rejoicing over the

capture of General Cornwallis, Mr. Salisbury while assisting in loading a cannon by a premature discharge had his right hand shot off—a misfortune that proved a great affliction. He was afterwards chosen sheriff of Columbia county. In company with his brothers-in-law, Alexander and Benjamin Head, he made a trip to the new country of the West (now Monroe, Bradford county) purchased 1,000 acres of land, put up a double log house 2½ stories high, then returned and sold his property at Kinderhook and in 1797 started West with his family, as he expressed it, "to better the condition of his children." His purchase included the land known as the Cole farm, and his house, the largest in the neighborhood, stood near the Cole watering trough. Mr. Salisbury is described as a "handsome old gentleman of a sunny disposition with a fondness for little folks and a faithful and consistent Methodist." He died in June, 1821, aged over 80 years. He lies beside his wife at Cole's. The children of Henry and Catharine Salisbury were :

George died in Columbia county, N. Y.
Abigail married John Brown of Kinderhook.
Rhoda married Enos Marshall of Columbia county, N. Y.
Elizabeth married Job Irish, died in Smithfield.
Catharine married Luther Hinman and died in the West.
Amy married Rev. Elisha Cole of Monroe.
Nancy married Elisha Wythe of Towanda.

Henry married Mrs. Catharine (Swartwout) Head (page 237), and died in Monroe, December 27, 1845, aged 66 years.

David Ross of Irish extraction came from Southern Pennsylvania to Ulster, 1792. About 1798 he located in East Burlington, where he cleared and improved a large farm. Selling, he moved to Granville, where the last twenty years of his life were spent. He died July 5, 1841, aged 69 years, 4 months and 10 days, "highly respected as a Christian gentleman, a kind and benevolent neighbor." Mr. Ross married Phoebe Hamilton, their children being John, Benjamin, James H., Dunham, Rachel, Ruth, Henry, William, David, Harrison and Sarah.

John married Hannah, daughter of George Head, and followed blacksmithing at Burlington many years. Their children were: David A., William F., Benjamin, Findlay, Jackson, Madison, John, James, Charles, Thomas, Amanda and Martha.

Stephen Latimer came as a settler to Franklin township, 1796. He did not long survive in his new home, dying November 30, 1800, aged 51 years. His widow, Joannah, afterwards occupied the estate,

where she died June 5, 1814, aged 55 years. They had children: *Joannah* married John D. Saunders of Monroe and removed West; *Sally* married Nathan Wilcox; *Jane* died July, 1803, aged 19, unmarried; *Peter* moved to Ohio; *Elizabeth* married David Smiley and settled in Ohio; *Hannah.*

Negro Slaves —A number of the wealthier families, settling in Bradford county, brought with them negro slaves as servants. In course of time these slaves were either voluntarily given their freedom by their masters or liberated by laws of the state. According to the census of 1790, Dr. Stephen Hopkins and Guy Maxwell of Athens each held one slave, Adam Mann of Wysox, one, and William Huyck of Standing Stone, two. *Jacob Primer*, an interesting character, evidently belonged to the colored family, serving Mr. Huyck. He was an old-time fiddler and favorite with the young people in supplying music at their dancing parties *Otho* came to Burlington with his former owner, Ezra Goddard. He was a turner by trade and proved a valuable acquisition to the colony, providing the settlers with dishes, including platters, trenchers, bowls and mortars, which were made from butternut wood. *Bulah* and her son, *Cesar*, slaves and novel characters, came with Ezra Spalding to Canton and lived with him many years. *Black Tom*, a witty but very uncertain colored man, was long a servant in the Pawling and Stalford families. He was both a source of amusement and annoyance to Wyalusing people. In 1820, John Overton of Ulster was assessed with one male slave, $25. Assessors returned slaves in Bradford county, 1821, as follows: Athens 1, Columbia 1, Monroe 1, Warren 1.

Peter Johnson, a native of Great Barrington, Mass., came to Wysox, 1796. He purchased land and settled in the southern part of Rome township on Johnson Creek, a part of the original farm being owned and occupied at this date by William S. Barnes. Mr. Johnson erected a saw-mill on the creek (named for him) flowing through his farm, and for a number of years carried on both farming and lumbering successfully. He was noted for his industry, and cleared up and improved a fine farm. Withal he was a successful huntsman and could recite some rather remarkable feats in woodcraft. He married Sarah, daughter of Theophilus Moger of Wysox. She died July 19, 1843, aged 64 years and 3 months leaving seven children. Mr. Johnson married for his second wife Mrs. Irene (Alger) Brown-Carter. They had no children. He died April 24, 1851, aged 78 years. The children of Peter and Sarah Johnson were:

Hiram married Calista, daughter of Naphtali Woodburn.

Miner died unmarried at the age of 34.
John married Betsy Robinson of Orwell.
Polly married Joseph Allen of Rome.
Eliza married Major Joseph Elliott of Rome.
Amanda married Amos Eddy of Wysox.
Herbert died a young man, unmarried.

Ananias Conkling, a patriot of the Revolution and native of Sag Harbor, evidently came to Athens about the same time (1794) as his son-in-law, Julius Tozer. He purchased land in East Athens on Satterlee creek. This he afterwards transferred to his son, Jonathan. Alice Leck, wife of Ananias Conkling, died 1798, and he in 1811.

John Bull, a native of Orange county, N. Y., born May 21, 1774, came to Wysox, 1797. He worked at blacksmithing at Hollenback's till 1802, when he moved to Pond Hill. He built a house and shop at the lower end of the lake, where he lived one year, then sold to his brother, Thomas, and moved to the east side where he located permanently. The farm which he cleared and improved is now owned and occupied by his grandson, E. T. Bull. Mr. Bull had married, February 12, 1797, Mary, daughter of Henry Lent. When he came into the wilderness, his young wife found her home a dreary one, surrounded as she was by ferocious wild beasts—panthers, wolves and bears. She greatly longed to go back to her old home, but she remained to render her husband such assistance as she could while he cleared away the forests and made a comfortable abode. Both lived to ripe old age, and died upon the farm where they settled, he, May 13, 1852, and she, born October 4, 1777, May 20, 1858. Their children were:

Ebenezer, born July 20, 1797, married Wealthy Wheeler, settled in the West and died there.

Elizabeth, born February 9, 1799, married Nathaniel Manville.

Eleanor, born February 4, 1801, never married, died May 28, 1887, upon the homestead.

Catharine, born January 11, 1803, married 1st Absalom Coolbaugh, 2nd Stephen DuBois of Monroe.

Hannah, born July 10, 1808, married Nathaniel Manville, being his second wife

Charity Elmina, born July 6, 1811, married 1st Russell Woodruff, 2nd William Casey.

William Elliott, born October 2, 1813, married Fannie W. Gore, died December 2, 1897, upon the homestead.

Balina, born October 23, 1816, married Emerson Taylor and removed to Canada.

Mary Jane, born December 22, 1818, married E. Cicero Spencer, died January 26, 1907.

John Lent was born March 4, 1763, at Peekskill, N. Y. He was a son of Tobias Lent (originally Van Lent), a native of Holland, who came from Amsterdam and settled at Peekskill. When the British went up the Hudson to storm Ft Montgomery, Tobias Lent and his son, John, were taken prisoners. The latter, being deemed "too young a rebel to do any harm, was given a kick and told to go home." The father was carried to New York and confined in a prison ship, where he died. In due time, however, the lad grew strong enough to bear arms against British tyranny, and he enlisted in the regiment of Colonel Hughes at Stony Point, where he did ferry duty two years, or until the close of the war. In 1782 he married Barbara, daughter of John Croft, who was a coachman for the Duke of Baden. Mary Bomaine (Bowman), the Duke's daughter, having fallen in love with John, they eloped, coming to America, were married and settled on the Hudson. For several years after his marriage John Lent lived in Orange county. Learning of the fertile valley of the Susquehanna, he decided to move hither with his family. Accordingly in the winter of 1797-'98 he loaded his wife, four children and a few household goods in a sleigh and with a team of horses started for the new country. He crossed the Delaware at Carpenter's Point, and from Binghamton came down the Susquehanna to Sheshequin, where he remained two years and worked for Peter Snyder. In the meantime he had purchased the improvements of Jesse Allen at Pond Hill, and on the 25th of March, 1800, moved into the little log house near the lake. He improved the farm and continued to reside there until the time of his death, November 6, 1838. Mr. Lent is described as a man nearly six feet tall and well proportioned. He enjoyed the good will of his neighbors and was never known to be at variance with them. He did his own thinking, was fearless and a faithful member of the M. E. church. His wife, born December 24, 1765, died November 14, 1838. Their remains repose in the cemetery on the farm where they spent the active years of their life. The farm is still in the family, the present owner and occupant being Albert Lent, a grandson. The children of John and Barbara Lent were:

Mary, born June 4, 1786, married Daniel Lamoreaux of Seneca county, N. Y.

Tobias, born June 15, 1789, married 1st Polly Drake, 2nd Lucy Thatcher; resided in Rome township and died, aged 94 years.

Hannah, born June 17, 1792, married Amasa Streator of Orwell; died at Erie, Pa.

Catherine, born July 27, 1797, married Deacon James Elliott of Towanda, died June 9, 1876.

Elizabeth, born December 27, 1799, married Timothy S. Kinner of Rome.

Matthias married Susan Minier and died January 28, 1876, aged 76 years, at Ulster.

Sallie, born August 13, 1803, married Roderick B. Morley of Rome township.

Albert, born August 13, 1803, married 1st Susan Bull, 2nd Mrs. Elizabeth (Moody) Reel; occupied the homestead until his death, January 24, 1899.

Dr. Adonijah Warner, a native of Massachusetts and son of Stephen Warner, a zealous patriot who was one of the celebrated "Boston tea party," after having been graduated in the study of medicine, came to Athens for the practice of his profession. In 1797 he formed a partnership with Dr. Hopkins and removed to Sheshequin, where "he engaged to teach school with the privilege of visiting his patients when called upon." He married, 1798, Nancy Means, who was residing with her brother, William, in Towanda. Immediately after his marriage, Dr. Warner located in Wysox and continued in active practice 37 years. His field was a broad one extending for miles through a great wilderness on both sides of the river and south to the present township of Overton. At this time there was no physician in Towanda and none north that could be depended upon nearer than Athens. He was a successful practitioner and his patients required his constant attention. The house in which he lived is still standing and occupied, a little west of the Laning residence. He died April 14, 1845, aged 76 years. The children of Dr. Adonijah and Nancy Warner were:

Marvin married Wealthy, daughter of Col. Harry Spalding, and removed to Rockford, Ill.

A. Milton married Mary E. Piper of Wysox and was for a number of years engaged in the jewelry business at Towanda where he died.

Stephen M. died unmarried, October 7, 1829, aged 25 years, in Wysox.

Myron S. married Harriet, daughter of Ebenezer Smith. He was State weigh-master from 1844 to '48, later removed to Milan and engaged extensively in farming till the time of his death.

Eliza C., born September 20, 1804, married Nathaniel N. Betts, died April 18, 1897, in Towanda.

Ethelinda married Harry N. Spalding of Towanda and removed to Rockford, Ill.

Ellen married in the West, where she lived and died.

Henry McKinney, born in Ireland, 1769, smarting from the injustice of oppressive laws, fled monarchal domain for "the land of the free." He located in Cecil county, Maryland, where he married Rebecca Hynman. In 1792 they took their all—three horses and a young babe—and on horseback journeyed up the Susquehanna with the intention of settling in the lake country of New York. Upon reaching Athens, a high river preventing their crossing, they unpacked their goods and waited for a recession of the waters. Becoming impressed with the favorable opportunities here, Mr McKinney abandoned his original design and remained permanently. He was an expert weaver and wrought upon his loom figured bed-quilts and other articles of household use, plain and in colors, delineating birds, animals, flowers and other objects. He plied his trade in Athens, Sheshequin and Athens village. In April, 1806, he was accidentally drowned in the Susquehanna by the upsetting of his canoe. His wife, born October 20, 1776, kept her seven children together, "teaching them by her example habits of industry, economy, sociability and honesty, of whom she never had cause to complain, as they filled all the qualifications taught and became prosperous and respected." She died March 23, 1855 with her son, Joseph. Of the children:

Samuel, born January, 1792, married and settled in Litchfield, died, 1853.

John, born December, 1793, moved to Maryland, died there May, 1870.

Margaret, born, 1795, married James Park, died January, 1820 in Litchfield.

Henry, born October 10, 1797, married Anna Russell and settled in Litchfield, where he died September, 1879. His wife died May, 1879, aged 79. Their children were: Huston, Ruth (Mrs. Holcomb), Russell, Chester E., John H., Robert, Mary, Sarah A. and Frances H. The five sons were soldiers in the Civil war.

David, born August 1, 1800, married Jane, daughter of Daniel Bush and settled in Litchfield. He not only cleared and improved a fine farm, but for more than forty years was a noted raftsman and pilot on the Susquehanna. He died October 21, 1878, and his wife Septem-

ber 29, 1865. Their children were: Rebecca, Joseph H., Hannah Jane (Mrs. Richard Sinsebaugh), Cynthia and Mary.

Joseph, born September 17, 1802, married Mary, daughter of James Bidlack (page 187), lived in Athens township where he died June 17, 1879. He was long an expert pilot, a prosperous and successful farmer and business man, noted for his honor and integrity. His wife, born January 20, 1806, died May 10, 1891. Their children were: Eliza (Mrs. C. S. Wheaton), Horace, Clarissa (Mrs. T. W. Brink), Joseph and Anna.

Cynthia, born October 11, 1804, married Amos Franklin, died March 6, 1871, in Michigan.

Dr. Amos Prentice, a patriot of the Revolution, was born April 24, 1748, the son of Samuel Prentice. He practiced his profession many years at New London, Conn. and was one of the sufferers of that city, when it was burned, 1781, by Arnold, the traitor. Through the persuasion of his nephew, John Shepard, he removed from New London to Athens in 1797. His location was at Milltown where he had a drug store (the first in the county) at his house. He also taught school some time in connection with his practice. Dr. Prentice died suddenly July 19, 1805, much beloved and lamented. Mrs. Prentice, a very accomplished woman, was the daughter of Rev. Mr. Owen of Groton, a friend and contemporary of President Edwards. She died December 7, 1815, aged 77 years. Of their children, the eldest son practiced medicine at Sag Harbor;

John O. was an early tanner at Milltown, subsequently moved West.

William was a well-educated, talented man. He had been admitted to the bar in New London and practiced there previous to his coming to Athens (1798). In 1799 he was admitted to the bar in Luzerne county and after the dismemberment of the county, practiced in Lycoming. He enjoyed the distinction of being the first resident attorney in Bradford county. He was also the first postmaster of Athens, being appointed, 1801. He wore his hair braided, hanging upon his shoulders, according to the custom of the times; was a young man of excellent character and fine personal appearance. To the great sorrow of the family and many friends, he died October 6, 1806, after a short illness of fever, aged 41 years.

Nancy married Dan Elwell and was the mother of Hon. William Elwell.

Elizabeth married John Spalding of Athens.

Julia married John F. Satterlee of Athens.

Nathaniel and Peter Edsall came from New Jersey, 1795, locating on Towanda creek in Monroe, being the first settlers above Samuel Cranmer. Nathaniel remained a score of years, then removed to other parts. Peter, who had married Jane Miller, sister of Mrs. Samuel Cranmer, finally deserted his family and went to Canada. Mrs. Jane Edsall, born November 25, 1770, died in Monroe, January 1, 1839. She left a son, *John*, and daughters, *Mary*, who married Libeus Marcy, and *Jane* married Jeremiah Blackman.

William Thompson came as a settler to lower Towanda creek, 1797. His wife, Elsy, died September 14, 1814, aged 63 years and was buried at Cole's. Elias and Daniel Thompson later on the assessment rolls of Towanda township were evidently of this family. Elias is remembered as an expert shoemaker.

Joseph Hitchcock opened the first house of public entertainment in Ulster. He was licensed a taverner in 1797 and was succeeded by Isaac Cash in the same business in 1799. After a few years' residence in the town, Hitchcock moved to other parts.

James Drake, son of William, born October 1, 1755, at Chester, Orange county, N. Y., came to Wysox in or before 1798. About the year 1812 he settled at Pond Hill on the Dayton Allen farm. After some years he sold to John Allen 2nd and returned to the state of New York. He subsequently came back to Wysox, where he spent the remainder of his days. During the Revolutionary war, enlisting March 1, 1776, he served ten months as a private under Capt. Daniel Denton in the regiment commanded by Colonel Ritzemas, New York troops. In his closing years he was given a pension. Mr. Drake married during the war Mary ———, and by her had six sons and five daughters. He died August 16, 1849 and is buried at Pond Hill beside his wife. Their children were:

Elizabeth, born July 20, 1779.

Daniel, born July 2, 1781

William, born February 3, 1783, married Cynthia Cogswell and had sons, David and Edward, and daughters, Lucy, Harriet, Amelia and Mary; he died on Pond Hill.

James, born July 17, 1786, married Charity Mapes.

Ebenezer, born December 29, 1789, married Sally, daughter of Richard Benjamin of Asylum.

Mary, born November 11, 1791, married Tobias Lent.

Hannah, born July 25, 1794.

Samuel, born July 23, 1796.

Joseph, born October 7, 1798, died young.

Abigail, born July 31, 1801.

Fanny, born February 23, 1804, married John St. John.

Henry (or Hendrick) ***Lent,*** a Revolutionary soldier and cousin of John Lent, came with his family from Catskill, N. Y., 1798, settling on the northern border of the present village of Rome. At this time there were only foot-paths through the wilderness from one settlement to another. In February, 1801, Mr. Lent made a trip to Athens and on his return through a blinding snow storm, following a foot-path from Sheshequin, when reaching what is now Towner Hill he became bewildered and exhausted by the darkness and intensity of the cold and was frozen to death. He was found a few days afterwards near a tree, around which he had run in the vain attempt to prevent freezing, finally falling exhausted in the snow in a stupor which ended his life. So many times had he gone around the tree that a crease was cut in the bark by the rim of his hat. He was 56 years old. His wife, Catharine, who bore him a large family of children, survived him nearly half a century, dying November 20, 1848, aged 91 years. Their children were:

Polly married John Bull (page 291).

James, born April 14, 1782, married Chloe Parks (page 7), died May 25, 1881, in Rome. Children: Sally (Mrs. Nathaniel Beeman), Ellen (Mrs. C. C. Wage), Louise (Mrs. M. M. York), Almedia (Mrs. Hiram Vought), Matilda (Mrs. Sanford Prince), Henry, John and Charles. Mrs. Lent died May 23, 1863, aged 78 years.

Joseph, born May 22, 1786, married Mary Ann Johnson of Wysox, died in Sheshequin, March 3, 1869. Children: Harry, Barbara (Mrs. William H. Hummel), Anna (Mrs. Jesse Smith), Hiram C., Polly Ann (Mrs. O'Kane), Catharine (Mrs. Freeman Shores), Julianna (Mrs. Collins Jennings) and William J.

Eleanor married Joshua Lamoreaux and lived in New York state.

Abraham married Gertrude, daughter of William Elliott, died in Rome, January 25, 1835, aged 50 years; he was the father of ten children, the last of whom, William Nelson Lent, died May 8, 1912, aged 99 years, 9 months and 9 days.

Barbara married Major Joseph Elliott and died in Rome, January 22, 1833, in her 41st year.

Richard married 1st a Miss Moore, 2nd Lucinda Elliott of Sheshequin, removed, 1849, to Illinois, where he died, 1872.

Katie married Simeon Rockwell and died in Rome.

Margaret married Silas Allis of Allis Hollow, was the last surviving member of the family, dying at the age of over 90.

Vought Family—About the year 1745 Joseph Christian Vought arrived from Holland and settled at Peekskill, N. Y. He had married a Miss Rhinehart and was the father of six sons, Peter, Joseph, Henry, Godfrey, Achatias and John and three daughters, Hester, Margaret and Catherine. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, he encouraged the patriot cause and sent four of his sons, Peter, Joseph, Henry and Godfrey to fight for the Independence of the Colonies.

Godfrey Vought, the fourth son of Joseph Christian Vought, was born, 1761, at Peekskill. In April, 1780, he enlisted in the regiment of Colonel Hughes and served one year. He re-enlisted under Colonel Dubois and served an additional period of nine months. He was in many skirmishes and was personally acquainted with General Washington, "Mad Anthony" and other distinguished soldiers. During that long struggle he suffered with his compatriots, and Mrs. Stephens, a granddaughter, says: "I have many times heard him recite his experiences and as he told of the hardships of the soldiers a momentary sadness came over his face." After the war he married Polly Croft, sister of Mrs. John Lent, whose mother was a daughter of the Duke of Baden. In 1798 he emigrated to the wilds of Pennsylvania, coming to Rome township and cutting his own road a part of the way from Sheshequin. He took up lands and erected his log-house on the northern border of the present village of Rome. Here, surrounded by savage beasts, he began the battle with the wild woods. He suffered many privations, being far removed from stores, mills, churches, schools and physicians. These things were yet to follow. A mail route had not been established in the county and it was rare that news was received from the outside world. But his courage never faltered, and the ring of his ax could have been heard early and late as he felled the monarchs of the forests. His little wife bravely shared the dangers and hardships with him. One night they heard their pig squeal. Mr. Vought ran out with his gun and found a large bear trying to carry the porker from its log pen. Mrs. Vought followed with a torch, when a well aimed bullet saved the pig and supplied their larder with an abundance of bear's meat. Although laboring under the disadvantages of the times, Mr Vought was a man of much enterprise. In 1804 he built the first framed house in Rome and soon after the first framed barn. He also, in company with Andrus Eiklor and a Mr. Wells, put up the first saw-mill in Rome. In 1814 he opened his doors to the public, keeping Rome's first house of public entertainment. Here the weary traveller found rest and refreshment on his long journey. Upon coming to Rome, Mr. Vought brought with him seeds of different

kinds, which he planted and in a few years bore an abundance of fruit. Thus was started the first orchards in Rome. Mr. Vought died April 15, 1849, aged 88 years and 8 months. He is described by a granddaughter as a "tall, fine looking old gentleman with blue eyes, light hair and fair complexion; figure erect even in his old age." His wife was a "small woman of dark hair, eyes and complexion," or in other words, as a young woman was a handsome brunette. "Her manner was dignified and aristocratic. When attending church she was always clad in a silk dress, never changing the fashion of her peculiar notion." Her demise occurred February 10, 1860, aged 93 years. Both are buried in the Rome cemetery, which land was cleared and donated by Mr. Vought for burial purposes. Their six children were:

David married Ellen, daughter of William Huyck, died in Standing Stone, October 7, 1865, aged 83. Children: Margaret (Mrs. William Coolbaugh), Polly (Mrs. Orrin Galpin), William, Daniel, Richard, Ellen (Mrs. George A. Stephens), Terressa (Mrs. Charles Norton), Godfrey, John and Hiram; Mr. Vought married 2nd Elizabeth Cowell, widow of Benjamin Martin.

Catherine ("Katie"), who was the second bride in Rome, married Andrew Eiklor; died June 23, 1879, aged 96 years, 6 months and 4 days.

Daniel married Mary Mattison, died in Rome, August 22, 1833, aged 44 years and 6 months. His wife died November 23, 1886, aged 91 years and 2 months.

Polly C., born July 13, 1793, married Deacon Stephen Cranmer, died March 27, 1868.

Joshua married Polly E. Thatcher, died in Rome, January 20, 1880, aged 86 years and 21 days. His wife died April 27, 1875, aged 73 years and 5 months.

John, born March 15, 1805, married 1st Mervil Cannan, 2nd Mrs. Elizabeth Heath, died in Rome, April 22, 1890.

The Colemans were from Litchfield county, Conn. It is claimed that as early as 1791 a Mr. Coleman, who had served as sheriff of Litchfield county, was living at or near Browntown. He had at least four children: Darius, Elijah, Sarah and Reuben.

Darius, who was a noted hunter, settled in Susquehanna county. He had three sons and nine daughters.

Elijah was the pioneer chimney-builder. He married Millie Shippy and died in Pike about 1812.

Sarah married a Mr. Browning.

Reuben married Jane Scott and settled in Pike township. It is

said that he built the second house on Rockwell creek and that he and his sons cleared more land than any other family in Pike. His children, who married as follows, were: *Betsy* to a Mr. Camp; *Sheeler* to Catharine Coats; *Dima* to a Mr. Camp; *Archibald* to Marinda Walker; *Reuben* 1st to Ursula Coats, 2nd to Mrs. Ann Esseltine; *Rhoda* to Caleb Heath; *Nathan* to Parmela Brewster; *Russell* 1st to Harriet Goodell, 2nd to Frances Rogers; *Roswell* to Rowena Walker; *Joseph* to Irene Buttles; *Clara* to William Cline; *Orrin* to Susan Palmer; *Homer* to Jemima Palmer. Russell was the last survivor of the family.

Capt. Josiah Grant served with the "Green Mountain Boys" during the Revolutionary war. He held a captain's commission in the Continental army in the brigade of his cousin, Gen. Ethan Allen. In 1796 he made a trip west, coming to what is now Orwell. Having selected lands, he made some improvements and returned for his family which he brought in 1798. He located on lands about 100 rods west of the Orwell Presbyterian church. Here he continued to reside until the time of his death, April 27, 1808, aged 57 years. His funeral was the first Masonic one in Orwell. Captain Grant was twice married, his first wife being a sister of Capt. Samuel Woodruff, also a pioneer of Orwell. His children by this marriage were Cyprian, Rhoda and Ruth. By his second marriage the children were Chauncey and Josiah W.

Cyprian ("Cyp") married Polly, daughter of Theophilus Moger, located in Wysox where he lost his life, June 17, 1815, as the result of a kick by a horse. He had two children: *Josiah Nelson* who removed to Illinois and *Aurelia* married Jeremiah Barnes of Herrick.

Rhoda married Chauncey Gridley of Orwell, died December 13, 1843, aged 63 years.

Ruth married a Mr. Pierce and removed from the county.

Chauncey settled in Illinois where he died.

Josiah W. married Margaret, daughter of Capt. Ralph Martin of Wysox. He died August 3, 1841, aged 54, in Orwell, and his wife, July 7, 1859, aged 71 years and 3 months.

Zepheniah Rogers, a native of New England, born 1747, served in the Revolutionary war in Capt. William Satterlee's company in the regiment commanded by Colonel Elmer. In 1796 Mr. Rogers emigrated with his family to Towanda creek, settling in Canton township on what is known as the Hubbel Manley farm. He occupied a floorless log cabin, 14x18, in which he set up a one-legged bedstead—simply a forked stick driven into the ground on which were poles running to a crack between the wall logs and these poles threaded with bark for bedcord—the magnificent furnishing of many an old-time first cabin. He

also built a little tub-mill on his place, having a capacity for cracking from a bushel and a half to three bushels of corn in twenty-four hours. In his old age Mr. Rogers enjoyed the benefits of a pension granted by the government. Both he and his wife, Elizabeth, died upon the homestead at advanced ages. Of their known children were:

Zepheniah, Jr., who for a number of years occupied the Lindley place, subsequently removed from the county.

Irvine married Hannah, daughter of Laban Landon and remained in Canton.

Roswell R. occupied the homestead. He married Minena ——— and had the following children: Roswell R., Lucinda (Mrs. George Manley), Amanda (Mrs. William Miles), Claracy (Mrs. Abner Walters), Eliza (Mrs. Elliott Manley), Deborah (Mrs. Martin Coon), William W. and James A.

Gersham Gillett from the state of New York was one of the first settlers of Canton, coming thereto in 1796. He left before 1806. His son, *Wilkes*, remained some years then also removed from the town.

George Bloom, a native of Prussia, who as a young man was compelled to serve in the Hessian army, was brought to America during the Revolutionary war. After being captured by the Americans he espoused their cause and never returned to the mother country. He married Mary ("Molly") Ater of Maryland and in 1798 found his way to Burlington where he purchased land and settled permanently. Here both he and his wife died. They had children:

George settled in Illinois and became very prosperous.

Elisha married Bersheba Blakesley and settled in Canton township. They had children: George, John A., Ann (Mrs. Oakley Lewis), Dolly (Mrs. Charles Hoagland), Dameras (Mrs. George Merchant) and Betsy (Mrs. Isaac Hoagland).

Joseph married widow Rebecca Braffit (who was left with three children), removed to Ohio where he accumulated a handsome property.

David went to California during the gold excitement, "struck it rich" and afterwards settled at Kankakee, Ill.

John, the youngest of the family, inherited the homestead. He married Betsy, daughter of Martin Stratton; children: Charles F., Olive, Bursha, Lucinda, H. Melissa, Lucy E. and Sarah E.

Polly married Ezra Rutty, Jr. of North Towanda.

Lanie married William Ellis and removed to Arcola, Ill.

Catharine married Amos Abbott of Canton.

Margaret married Mr. Blakesley of Burlington.

Lane Family is of English origin and their history has been traced to the time of William the Conqueror in 1066. The Lanes were early in America, first settling at Dorchester, Mass. Alexander Lane located in Westchester county, N. Y. One of his sons was Alexander who came to Bradford county.

Alexander Lane, born 1761 at North Castle, N. Y., joined the American army under Colonel Livingston and was in the Montgomery expedition and at the surrender of Burgoyne. After the war he settled in Ulster county and with his brother, John, cleared up a farm. He married Abigail Mills of Poughkeepsie and in 1797–'98 removed to Pennsylvania. In making the trip to Old Sheshequin, Mrs. Lane rode a horse while her brother, Daniel Mills, drove a team with the household goods. Mr. Lane at first settled and built his house on Smith's Island in the Susquehanna. The second year he was drowned out by high water and had to move to main-land. In 1801 he went to Burlington, settling at Luther's Mills, where he had purchased an 1800-tract of land. He paid for his land twice then lost it, holding only a small part of the original tract by a third purchase. On this he lived and labored until the close of his life. For his faithful services to his country he was given a pension. Of the old hero many stories are related as to his great strength and power of endurance. He was 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed about 200 pounds. His son-in-law, James Wilcox, who used to hunt with him, says: "We had killed a buck weighing nearly 200 pounds, six or eight miles from home. The snow being deep, I wanted to leave part of the deer. The old gentleman said, 'You carry my gun,' and shouldering the deer he carried it home, only putting it down once on the way." One time Mr. Lane coming from Ulster overtook his neighbors, Mr. Clark and Mr. Knapp, who were trying to get two barrels of salt into their wagon, which had fallen to the ground by the end-board coming out as they were ascending the dugway hill. Messrs. Clark and Knapp were not equal to the task and called on Mr. Lane for assistance. He told them to stand aside and taking the barrels by the chimes, lifted them into the wagon without much trouble." Mr. Lane died in 1844, aged 83, and his wife, April 9, 1857, aged 85 years. Their children were:

William married Fannie Horton, died in early life in Burlington, leaving a son, William.

Zephaniah married 1st Polly Clark, 2nd Cynthia Swain; died in Burlington, leaving sons, Isaac, Josiah, William P. and Willard, all of whom were soldiers in the Civil War.

Alexander married Catharine Shoemaker and was long in the ministry of the Methodist church; he died upon the homestead, leaving sons: Asa S., John W., Dr. William A., Noel W., Stephen A., Dr. C. Henri and Gustavus G.

Daniel married Lydia Morton and had sons, Alexander, Webster, Robert M. and Wayland L.; died in Burlington.

Sally married Jeremiah Travis of Burlington.

Hannah married William Watkins.

Ruth married James Wilcox of Burlington.

Betsy married John Ballard of West Burlington.

Maria married James Taylor.

Emily married John Gorham.

Charlotte married David Smales.

Elvira married Nathaniel Sheldon.

Anna died unmarried, aged 18 years.

William Arnold in company with two other young men in the Spring of 1797, left his home in Rhode Island to find the Brown and Ives tract in Northern Pennsylvania and take advantage of the inducements offered in forming a settlement. He and each of his companions carried a leather saddle-bag containing a few articles of clothing, tinder-box, flint, powder, bullets and moulds with plenty of fish-hooks and lines and a good new axe; also, a single flint-lock, all that was deemed necessary for the common defense and protection. After a long journey the lands were found in what is now Warren township. Log houses were constructed, fallows chopped and burned, all working early and late until November when they returned East. Thus was made the first break by white man in the great wilderness of Warren where before only Indians and wild beasts had roamed. The following Spring (1798) Mr. Arnold left Providence with his family, coming by the way of the Susquehanna which they passed down on a raft to Nichols Corners, thence proceeded 12 miles through the forest to their new home. His hardships were many but they were met most heroically. He struggled and toiled until 1816 when death ended his career at the age of 62 years. William Arnold married first Elizabeth Buffington by whom he had at least six children, Patience, James, Andrew, Eunice, William and Benedict. Mrs. Arnold died in 1801, aged 50 years. Mr. Arnold afterwards married Mercy Mapes. Of his children:

Patience, born May 26, 1781, married for her last husband Samuel Wilson, died in Warren.

James, born April 19, 1783, married, 1806, Sarah Butler of Sheshequin and after her death, 1844, Mrs. Grace Buffington, widow of Wm. Buffington. He was a soldier, War of 1812, fifty years a faithful member of the M. E. church and the father of ten children, two of whom were James and Walter. He died July 24, 1863 in Warren.

Andrew married and settled at Nichols where he died.

William, born August 6, 1792, married, September 12, 1813, Deborah Pendleton and had children, George Pendleton, Celestia Elvira (Mrs. Wm. Robertson), Betsy Irene (Mrs. Chas. Darling), John Dennison, Jarvis Lyman, Charles Lee, Horace Leonard, Caroline Harriet (Mrs. Oliver Bostwick), Adeline Lucina (Mrs. Samuel Stevens), Seneca Lavater and three others dying in infancy. Deborah Arnold, born October 23, 1793, died March 28, 1840, and Mr. Arnold afterwards married Hannah E. Wooster and had two children, Aner Smith and Robert Wooster. He died May 9, 1872 in Warren.

Benedict, born August 27, 1800 and William Bowen born a few hours earlier on the same day, were the first children to see the light in Warren. He married Lucy Billings and died September 10, 1872 in Warren. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Rev. Calvin V.* first to Content Buffington, second to Mrs. Tingley; *Chauncey W.* to Caroline Talmage; *William P.* to Jane Cary; *Lucy Maria* first to Austin Herrick, second to Mr. Borden; *Rev. Andrew Jackson* to Josephine Whitaker; *Abel I.* first to Mary Elizabeth Pendleton, second to Mary McCumber, third to Julia Bushnell; *Corington T.* to Sarah Ellsworth; *Eliza J.* first to Wm. Rogers, second to Geo. L. Pendleton; *Malantha A.* to John B. Dickinson.

Lodowick Carner (name is of Holland origin and was originally spelled "Karner"), a native of Sheffield, Mass. came to Sheshequin in or before 1798. "He was a very ingenious man and miller for General Spalding." Of his family, two sons, Calvin and Luther, and two daughters are remembered. One of the daughters, *Mary*, married George Kinney. *Luther* married Wealthy, daughter of Col. John Spalding. Their children were: Edgar, Mary, John, Charles, Henry, Sarah, George and Stephen. About 1820 Mr. Carner removed to other parts; Luther, also, after the death of his wife in 1833 left the town, settling in Ohio.

Silas Carner, a brother of Lodowick, followed his brother to Sheshequin where he continued to reside a number of years. He finally removed to Athens and died there. He was the father of Orson, Amanda, Horace, Sylvia, Jay and Silas.

Soldiers 1798—In 1797 there was a prospect of war with France. On June 2, 1798, Governor Thomas Mifflin issued a circular addressed to the militia officers of the state, requesting that the militia be enrolled, organized, equipped and put in condition fer active service, if they should be required. Accordingly, a general meeting of the militia officers of Luzerne county was held at Wilkes-Barre, July 3, 1798, for the purpose of taking proper action upon the subject mentioned in the circular. At that meeting Gen. Simon Spalding of Sheshequin was elected president and resolutions passed with great enthusiasm in which it was declared: "No sensations of gratitude, no relics of enthusiasm remain to distract us from our duty as American citizens to our country and here proceed to offer our services to the state, whenever the emergency arises in which she needs them." A call was made for volunteers as matters began to assume a more threatening aspect, and a company under command of Capt. Samuel Bowman was attached to the 11th regiment of the United States, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Aaron Ogden. John Hollenback who enlisted in this company as 2nd sergeant, was appointed a recruiting officer for the upper townships of Luzerne. Mr. Hollenback says: "I enlisted 14 men at Wyalusing by Kingsley's spring. I got them to play ball and sent to Justus Gaylord's for two gallons of whiskey and after they got well 'yorked' I paid them eight silver dollars apiece. When the women got hold of it they were going to kill me. I slept in a little old barn south of Peter Stevens' house to keep out of their way. I appointed James Lewis sergeant to take them to Wilkes-Barre, and I went to Wysox where I enlisted more and then to Tioga Point where I enlisted others." These and probably a few others enlisted from Bradford county: William Allen, Jonathan Conkling, David Curtis, John Dalton, Jonah Davis, William Decker, John Ellis, Isaac Ford, Asa Harris, James Harris, Samuel Harris, Benoni Hulett, Wareham Kingsley, James Lake, David Landon, James Lewis, William Loughry, William Parker, Thomas Quick, John Stark, Hugh Sumerlin, George Tucks, Elias Thompson, William Tuttle, Samuel Wigton, Ephraim Wright, Thomas Wright. Mr. Hollenback adds: "We were disbanded by General Hamilton in the Spring after Jefferson was elected."

William Harding accompanied William Arnold from Rhode Island to Warren in 1797. He selected lands, made a clearing and built a log house. The next year he brought in his wife. His trials in the wilderness, however, soon came to a dreadful close. In the Winter of 1802-'03 he and William Arnold made a trip to Sheshequin for provisions. These secured, each with a pack of fifty pounds thrown

over his back, started for home. A heavy snow fell and closed their track. Near where Potterville now is Mr. Harding gave out and could proceed no further. Mr. Arnold went for help but when he returned found his companion a stiffened corpse. The remains were taken to Warren Heights for burial and there in the old grave yard a maple tree over his grave stands as his monument.

The Pratts were a somewhat numerous and prominent family from Massachusetts, settling in West Burlington. The first to come were Ephraim and William Pratt in 1798. A little later Beriah Pratt arrived and still later John Pratt. In 1812 the assessable Pratts in Burlington were Beriah, Calvin, Ephraim, Elias, Gilbert, Jedediah and William. *William* and wife, Anna, in 1829 sold their land to Gilbert Pratt and removed from the place. *Beriah* was provided a home by his friend, John Gamage, and lived next to him until his death. *Calvin* had sons, Beriah, Leonard, Jehial, Gilbert and Jedediah. Jedediah had two sons and two daughters, Luman, Perry B., Mary Ann (Mrs. Chester Campbell) and Angeline J. (Mrs. William P. Davis).

Ephraim Pratt was a soldier in the Revolvtionary war. He served three years as a private under Captain Fox, Col. Henry Jackson's regiment of the Massachusetts line. In the 30's he sold to Isaac Swain and removed with his family to Ohio. One of his daughters was Lucretia.

John Pratt, brother of Ephraim, did not come to Burlington until 1816. He married Elizabeth ("Betsy") Hagar, a noted heroine, who was born in Boston. "At the age of nine years she was left alone in the world to shift for herself. She grew upon a farm, was of strong muscular frame and learned to do all rough farm work as well as being an expert at the loom. When the Revolution broke out she was at work for a man named Leverett in his blacksmith shop; he was very ingenious and he and Betsy were secretly busy fixing the old matchlock guns for the patriots. She would file, grind and scour the work and fit it as fast as Leverett would turn it out. Both, it should be remembered, were working gratuitously--solely for the cause of freedom. At the battle of Concord the British fled and left six fine brass cannon, but all spiked. The guns were taken to Leverett's shop, where he and Betsy drilled holes opposite the spikes when they could punch the irons out and stop up the holes with screws. Betsy worked hard at these cannon for six weeks. She also made cartridges and when her supply of flannel for this purpose gave out, she took off her underclothing and used them. At night after the battle, she helped cared for and nurse the wounded. Throughout the war she continued to aid the patriot

cause in many ways. Among her other gifts she possessed considerable knowledge of medicine—the herbs, roots and flowers of the country, and she often ministered to the sick and was as much respected and looked up to as any person in the settlement." The patriot mother and her husband spent their last days in Granville township. Mrs. Pratt died July 12, 1843, aged 88 years, 1 month and 4 days, and her husband, April 16, 1851, aged 90 years, 7 months and 11 days. Their children were:

Mercy married Robert Little.
Ephraim removed West.
Thomas married Lucinda Levert.
Joseph married Phœbe Swain.
Sophia married Isaac Swain.
Nancy married John Henry.
John married Eunice Dudley.
Lewis married Polly Vroman.

Reuben Case—What are now Troy borough and township were settled by emigrants from New York and the Eastern states. The first settler of Troy borough was Reuben Case who came thereto by virtue of the promise of Connecticut claimants, agreeing to give each settler 150 acres of land and his oldest son 100 acres. Accordingly, in the month of February, 1798, Mr. Case loaded his effects upon a sled with his family and began his journey with an ox-team from Hebron, Washington county, N. Y. to the wilderness of Western Bradford. He came by the way of Ithaca, Spencer, Tioga Point, Ulster and Sugar Creek. He followed along the streams, cutting his way through the woods much of the way. The first night after arriving the family slept in a cabin constructed of brush by the side of a fallen tree.

In a few days with the assistance of parties living on Sugar Creek a log house 16 feet square was erected. It was covered with bark, a hole being left for a chimney. A stone was laid on which to build a fire, when the weather had moderated so a chimney could be built. In the meantime comfort was had by the burning of a log-heap outside. Having no furniture, holes were bored in the side of the house, pegs inserted and split plank laid on them for a table. Split basswood logs were used for a floor and door. For chairs, blocks were sawed the right length from logs. After awhile these were supplemented by shorter blocks with legs like stools. Game being plentiful the family did not suffer for meat and fish. They had no flour; corn was brought from Tioga Point on horseback and pounded with a stone pestle in a

hole made in the top of a stump. Deer hides were tanned and made into breeches and jackets.

A little clearing was made near the house the first year and enclosed with a brush fence; quite a fallow was also cut and burned but not cleared off. Corn was planted between the logs by the aid of an old ax. The bitt was struck into the ground, making a hole into which the corn was dropped, then covered over by stepping on the hill. In the same manner potatoes were planted the first two or three years. Experience Nichols, wife of Reuben Case, was a doctress, having a regular diploma. In attending her patients she made her trips on horseback, sometimes going a distance of fifty miles, often being called to Tioga Point, Spencer, Fellow's Fields and the Block House settlement. Mr. and Mrs. Case spent the last years of their life at Spencer, N. Y. Their children were: Elihu, Silvica, Timothy, Esther, Reuben, Philip and Ephraim.

Elihu, born September 22, 1790, at Hebron, N. Y., occupied the homestead farm in Troy. He was long prominent in public and military affairs, being popularly known as "General Case." He served as State Senator, 1837-'41, and was a surveyor and justice of the peace 40 years. He married Charlotte, daughter of Jareb Palmer; died, 1865, at Troy. Their children were: Edmund, Hiram A., Nathan P., Adrial H , Jareb and Irene (Mrs. Charles N. Strait).

Silvica married Russell Palmer of Troy.

Timothy lived in Troy; died, 1844, leaving a wife, Delia, and children, Rhoda, Betsy N. (Mrs. David Newell), Harriet M., Florence M., Ephraim and Alonzo R.

Esther, born January 30, 1800, was the first child to see the light in Troy borough; she married Milton Hugg.

Reuben, born May 30, 1802, was the first male child born in Troy borough and spent his life in that village.

The Wilcoxes were natives of Rhode Island and emigrated from that state to Cooperstown on Otsego lake, where they remained a short time, then came down the river and found their way into Monroe township in 1798. The family consisted of Sheffield Wilcox, Sr., his wife and children, Lois, Thomas, Rowland, Freeman, Sheffield, Jr., Amy, Desire, Eunice and Jemima. Mr. Wilcox lived on the west side of Towanda creek, about three-quarters of a mile below the Monroeton bridge. While residing here, he and his sons went up into Albany and picked out locations. Between April, 1800, and the Spring of 1801, they began the erection of a log house on their tract and in the Autumn of 1803, Sheffield, Jr. moved to their forest home (which had neither

doors nor windows) on an ox-sled. His father came the following Spring. When the Wilcoxes went to Albany they were compelled to cross the creek 11 times in reaching their new home. At this time there was only one house between the Fowlers in Monroe and the spot where they had settled, being John D. Saunders who lived on the Ridgway place. Mr. Ladd lived a couple of miles further up the creek, but the country was a wild and dreary prospect, inhabited only by savage animals. The woods were full of deer and brook trout were found in myriads in the streams. The senior Wilcox built his cabin on a little plateau on the Rhodes place. His house had all the novelties of pioneer style. It was one story, floored with split plank—one end being occupied by the huge fire place. Fuel, to the size of small saw logs, was used and frequently drawn into the house by a horse. Mr. Wilcox spent his time diligently in making improvements until after the death of his wife, when he transferred his property to his son, Rowland, with whom he afterwards lived. Mr. Wilcox is described as a "very strong man, medium height and well proportioned with the reputation of being a great worker." He was born April 2, 1746; married December 11, 1771, to Eunice Ross; died February 27, 1826. Mrs. Wilcox, born November 14, 1750, died suddenly October 29, 1813. She is remembered as "an excellent lady with a very kind heart." Of the daughters: *Lois*, born February 5, 1773, married Timothy Alden of Monroe, died January 10, 1851; *Amy*, born August 7, 1785, married Eleazer Sweet of Monroe, died January 8, 1867; *Desire*, born December 1, 1787, married John B. Hinman of Monroe, died April 7, 1844; *Eunice*, born October 22, 1790, married Humphrey Goff and died in Monroe; *Jemima*, born March 8, 1793, married Cornelius Coolbaugh of Wysox, died January 13, 1822. Of the sons:

Thomas Wilcox, born March 23, 1775, settled at Milltown. He was a blacksmith by occupation but engaged in other enterprises and became a man of affluence. He was popularly known as "Captain Wilcox." He died in 1855, leaving children: Gorden, Maria (Mrs. Robert Sutton), Olive (Mrs. Shelding Guernsey), Adaline (Mrs. John B. Kiterell), Elisha, Thomas, Rowland and Frances (Mrs. Alden).

Rowland Wilcox, born November 25, 1776, married June 6, 1814, Elizabeth VanEtten of Spencer, N. Y., died April 17, 1844. She was born March 15, 1791, died April 30, 1837. In 1814 Mr. Wilcox built the first framed house in Albany. He was a heavy land owner, possessing at one time 1,100 acres. His children were: Benjamin S., James, Minor R., Eunice M. (Mrs. J. H. Lewis) and Mary L. (Mrs. William Blake).

Freeman Wilcox, born January 6, 1779, married July 4, 1800 Clarinda Southworth of Chautauqua county, N. Y., died August 14, 1864. She was born December 8, 1782, died December 31, 1863. Mr. Wilcox located in Albany in 1805. For many years he was the local lawyer or pettifogger. His house was the home of the Methodist preachers. He was a man of excellent physique and stood about five feet and eight inches. On a lift he was without an equal and it is said of him "that he was never put upon his back at square-hold." He was fearless and would brain a panther or bear with an ax. His children were: Charlotte (Mrs. Dyer Ormsby), Hiram S., Philetus S. and Harvey.

Sheffield Wilcox, Jr., born October 29, 1782, moved into Albany in 1803. He was a noted hunter and killed more panthers and bears than any other man in the county. In 1822 he opened a hostelry which for many years was a noted rallying point. He married, June 12, 1803, Charlotte Hinman of Wysox: she was born June 25, 1784, died October 4, 1858. Mr. Wilcox died November 12, 1869. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Wells* to Harriet H. Fairchild; *Harriet C.* to Jacob Miller; *Rowland* to Louise Menardi; *Sophrona Delight* to Charles Brown.

The Brinks were one of the most numerous families, settling in Pike township. Nicholas Brink (relative of Benjamin Brink of Sheshequin, page 218) of Walapack, Sussex county, N. J. removed to the Wyoming Valley at an early day, but his losses through the Pennamite troubles and the great ice-flood of 1784 caused him to seek a more favorable location and he emigrated to Southern New York. Three of his sons, Thomas, James and Benjamin, all of whom served in the Revolutionary war, settled in Bradford county. *Thomas* came to Wyalusing in 1797, remained a few years then moved to Pike township, where he died about 1813, leaving a widow, Mary, and children. *James* followed his brother to Wyalusing in 1798 and in 1805 purchased the Bela Ford possession in Pike and moved thereto. He had five sons. His name last appears upon the assessment rolls, 1816, when his real estate was transferred to Stephen Brink. *Benjamin*, either a brother or son of Thomas or James, located in Pike at about the same time as the former. This or another Benjamin Brink died in Pike in 1857, leaving a widow, Elizabeth, and three children, Lydia Ann Brister, Mary Ellsworth and Chandler Whitfield Brink.

The Brinks in Pike of the next generation were: Cornelius, Ephraim, James, James 2nd (Jr.), Jonathan, Nicholas, Ruel W. (died

1833), Simeon, Stephen, Thomas, Thomas 2nd, William and William 2nd.

Ephraim married Laura Cogswell and was the father of "Fila" (Philena) Brink who gained considerable notoriety in war days. He sold out and moved West.

Jonathan married 1st Polly Brister and 2nd Emily ———. He died July 5, 1852 in Pike, leaving a wife and nine children: William, Daniel, Jonathan, Jenette (Mrs. Chester Goodell), Therzy (Mrs. Enoch P. Coburn), Martha (Mrs. Henry Stevens), Betsy, Phebe and Mary. Jonathan, who married Abigail Stevens and died October 26, 1902, aged 87, was the last surviving member of the family.

Nicholas died, 1851, in Pike, leaving a widow, Lucy, and two sons, Chandler and Thomas R.

Simeon married Lydia Buck. Their daughter, Adaline, married Thomas Stone.

Stephen commonly known as "Captain Brink" married Dimah Bosworth. He was the father of the late George W. Brink, for many years a justice of the peace and a prominent citizen.

Thomas married 1st a Miss Brister and 2nd Phebe Bowman. He died November 21, 1858, aged 66 years, leaving five children, all by his first wife: Ransford, Calvin, Ira, Ann Eliza (Mrs. Samuel J. Bosworth) and Harriet (Mrs. Duncan Magee). Ransford, born September 14, 1816, married 1st Sally Bosworth, 2nd Adaline ———, died May 15, 1896. Children: Adelia (Mrs. Wilson E Canfield), Leonard M., Charles H., Edward S. and Emma. Ira married 1st a Miss Hagar of Herrick, 2nd a Miss Warner of Iowa.

William, son of Thomas 1st, married Loraine Brister and lived in Pike where he died, 1858. He had a daughter, Mehitable, who married Benjamin Pierce.

William 2nd died in Pike, 1883, leaving two daughters, Mary Emily, Susan Amanda and one son, George M.

Other Brinks of this generation were: Thomas 2nd married Lois Corson; Lucy Brink married Noble Canfield; Philena Brink married John A. Ellsworth. In 1825 the taxable Brinks in Pike were: Benjamin, Cornelius, Ephraim, Jonathan, Nicholas, Simeon, Stephen, Thomas, Thomas 2nd, William and William 2nd.

Andrew Canfield with his wife and six children moved from Litchfield county, Conn. to Wyalusing Creek in 1797. He lived two years with his brother-in-law, Thomas Tillotson, in Pike, then moved into Susquehanna county. One of his sons, *Wilson*, born December 28, 1790, purchased land at LeRaysville, 1815, and lived thereon until his

death, March 15, 1880. He married Julia, daughter of Gould Seymour. They had three children: Chandler, Aurelia (Mrs. Ellsworth) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Dawes).

The Fords—John, Bela, Isaac and Richard Ford, brothers and natives of Schoharie county, N. Y., came to Bradford county, 1798, first stopping at Wyalusing and in 1800 commenced their settlement in Pike, the place, since being known as "Ford Street."

John Ford was the first of the brothers to locate in Pike where he ever afterwards lived. He had married Sarah Curtis and had children: Isaac, John, Ira, Harriet and Alfierce.

Bela Ford sold his first improvement, 1805, to James Brink, then began on the adjoining farm. He had married a Lasdell. "Her father was a physician and the knowledge of medicine she had acquired was almost invaluable to her neighbors, as the services of a physician were difficult to obtain." Mr. Ford's fourth wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Ingalls. His daughter, Prudence, married John Abbott and another daughter, Hannah, married Elisha Cogswell.

Isaac Ford fought for Independence at the age of 16 years. He served three years as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Andrew McMoody in Col. John Lamb's regiment of New York Artillery. After settling in Pike he occupied a log house of the most primitive style east of LeRaysville. He spent much of his time with his gun and was wont to relate his experiences in the woods to the boys of the neighborhood, who were amused by his manner and sometimes at the size of his yarns. It appears that Mr. Ford was never married, his sister keeping house for him. He was given a pension, which provided the comforts of his closing years. He died in the early 40's, aged about 76 years. His sister, Mary, who lost her mind, wandered into the woods and becoming bewildered was frozen to death.

Myer Family—Prof. Jacob Myer of Heidleburg, Germany, was engaged to teach the German language in an educational institution in New York and sailed with his family of five children in 1767, fell ill on the voyage, died and was buried at sea. He was possessed of considerable money and property on leaving Germany, but after his death, the captain taking advantage of the laws and customs then in vogue and the ignorance of the widow and the children concerning the laws and language of the country to which they were going, claimed that they had not paid for their passage (although it had been paid before they sailed for America) and sold the children to pay their passage money. Soon after they landed, the widow died of grief, because of

the cruel robbing of her children. The wife of Professor Myer was a daughter of the celebrated Dr. Dilemater. They were married in 1754 and had five children, three sons and two daughters. One son, John, was taken into what was then Western New York and another son, James, to the South.

Jacob Myer, the eldest son of Prof. Jacob Myer, was sold to a miller by the name of Capt. Garret Winagar of Dutchess county, N. Y. by whom he was educated and whose trade he learned. He married Elizabeth Winagar, daughter of Ulrich Winagar, who was a son of Captain Winagar. By this marriage he had four children, William, Sarah, Elizabeth and Sophronia. He removed from New York to Connecticut, where he remained only a few years then moved to Great Barrington, Mass. where he owned a mill. While living here his wife died and he afterwards married Miss Susanna Taylor of Lee, Mass. By this marriage he had five sons, Jacob, Isaac, Alvin T., Stephen and James, and one daughter, Mary. While living in Massachusetts, Mr. Myer exchanged his mill property for Connecticut title lands in Bradford county and emigrated hither with his family in 1798. Arriving at Milltown he soon learned that his title was worthless. He then took charge of Shepard's mill for two years, removing in 1800 to Sugar Creek, conducting and improving the Foster mill until 1801 when he removed to Wysox. Here with his son, William, mills were erected and the village of Myersburg established. He died June 7, 1821, aged 66 years. His wife, Elizabeth, died February 21, 1812, aged 78 years. Of his children :

Sarah married Elijah Reed of Dutchess county, N. Y., died with her son, Myer Reed, in Wysox, December 18, 1862, aged 80 years.

Elizabeth married William Foster of North Towanda, died in Canton township.

Sophronia married a Mr. Cline of Dutchess county, N. Y.

Jacob married Miss Clara Wilson, was for a number of years associated with the Manvilles in manufacturing enterprises, finally removed to Tunkhannock where he and his wife died.

Isaac married Sarah, daughter of Amos Mix; was a member of the Pennsylvania legislature, session, 1835–'36; died in Towanda, May 17, 1873, aged 79 years, 2 months and 25 days.

Alvin T. married Miss Adelia Parsons, removed to and died at Pittston, Pa.

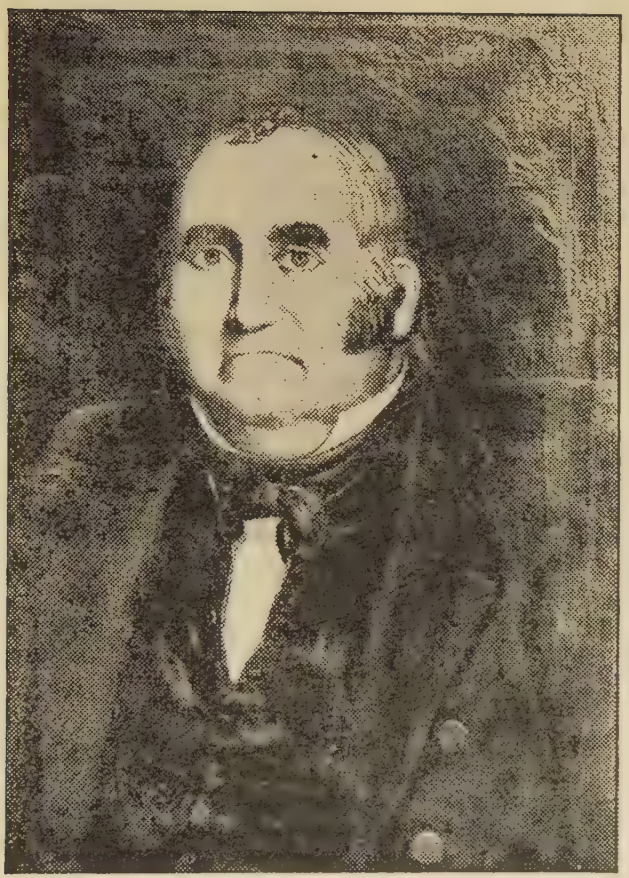
Stephen married Miss Marilla ———, removed to Illinois, settling on the Fox river where he died.

James never married, went to the Southwest where he was associ-

ated with Henry L. Kinney in his bold enterprises, died on shipboard while enroute to France for his health.

Mary married William Richardson of Newark, N. Y., died in Illinois.

William, born February 8, 1780, was the eldest son of Jacob Myer. In 1800 he went to Wysox, purchased a mill site and secured the right to control the flow of water from Lake Wysauking. He put up a hewed log house into which his father and family moved the next year. Working together, they built a grist-mill, which was supplied by water power from Wysox creek and Lake Wysauking. They soon after built a saw-mill that was run entirely by water from Wysox creek. He early took an active part in public affairs, being commissioned a justice of the peace, 1807. Upon the formation of Bradford county, he was elected one of the first county commissioners, 1812, and again elected to the same office, 1819. He was chosen a member of the Pennsylvania assembly in 1822 and also served his townsmen in many civil capacities. He married Joanna, daughter of Nathaniel Hickok, died May 15, 1842. She was born, 1783, died April 15, 1825. Their children were: Harriet, Elizabeth, Sarah, Emeline Esther, Mary Ellen, Susan, Elijah Reed and Helen Maria. Mr. Myer married for his second wife, Mrs. Lemira (Satterlee) Spalding, widow of Col. Harry Spalding They had a son, William Laird. Children of William Myer married as follows: Harriet to Rev. Matthew Laird of Lewisburg, Pa.; Elizabeth to Dr. Thomas Sweet of Canaan, Pa.; Sarah died unmarried, aged 32; Emeline Esther died in childhood; Mary Ellen to James Y. Brown of Windsor, Broome county, N. Y.; Susan died in childhood; Helen Maria to James Corydon Woodburn and died in Michigan; William Laird to Mrs Elizabeth Rube Lambert of Iowa. *Elijah Reed*, born July 25, 1818, married June 9, 1847, Mary Frances Cochrane of Columbia, Pa. Upon attaining his majority he took a deep interest in political matters and in 1840 made speeches for General Harrison. As chairman of the Whig county committee in 1855, he made the proposition and asked the members of the party to take into consideration the propriety of abandoning the old party and uniting with the "Freesoil" and "Anti-Slavery" Democrats in forming the Republican party. The Whig convention by its members, approved the suggestion by a decisive majority and on the following day took part in the mass-meeting, organizing the Republican party in Bradford county. Mr. Myer was a delegate to the National Republican convention, 1860, and the same year was a presidential elector and cast the vote of the district for Lincoln and Hamlin. In 1856 he was elected



William Myer.

State Senator from the Bradford-Susquehanna-Wyoming district, serving three years. He was appointed in 1861 by President Lincoln, Surveyor of Customs at Philadelphia and served six years. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Republican National convention and cast his

vote for Grant and Colfax, who were nominated and elected that year. He was elected State Representative in 1872 and '73 and again in 1876, serving as Speaker of the House, sessions of 1877--'78. He was the "Grand Old Man" in his last years, dying May 18, 1911, aged nearly 93.

The Bosworths were among the early colonial families of America. Benjamin Bosworth, the ancestor of the Bosworths of Eastern Bradford, came from England, 1634, and settled at Hingham, Mass. *Joseph Bosworth* and his sons, who formed the most important settlement in Pike, were typical and enterprising Connecticut "Yankees." At one time, they owned, with the exception of one farm, the land extending seven miles from Salmon Bosworth's on Wyalusing Creek to LeRaysville. Sons of Mr. Bosworth preceded him from Litchfield county, their Connecticut home, to Pike, picking out locations and had made many improvements, when he came on with the balance of the family in 1806. Joseph Bosworth was born February 28, 1753, married April 17, 1775 to Medima Mallory, died September 7, 1840 in Pike. She was born December 17, 1758 and died April 1, 1831. Both rest in the Stevensville cemetery. They had twelve children: Salmon, Josiah, Orange, Reed, Alba, Hannah, Amarilla, Sarah, John, Medima, Ambrose and Joseph (died aged 3 years). Mr. Bosworth was a faithful pioneer and employed his time diligently in clearing and improving land until the close of his life. Of his children:

Salmon Bosworth, born September 15, 1776 was the first of the family to come to Pike where he arrived, 1796. "He made a beginning in the forest near the Wyalusing above what is now Stevensville, chopping and clearing off a small piece of land, building a log house and a blacksmith shop. He then went to work at his trade of blacksmith. After two years he returned to Connecticut and married Sally, daughter of David Olmstead. The young couple packed their wordly goods into a one-horse wagon and bidding farewell to the home of their childhood, turned their faces toward their future home in the wilderness, where they arrived after a journey of twenty-one days. Mr. Bosworth cleared a large farm and made scythes and axes in his shop for the settlers." He took an active part in public affairs and was elected County Commissioner in 1815. His death occurred November 4, 1831. The children were: Mills (died at 25 years), Arabella (Mrs. Edward W. Jones), Mary Electa (Mrs. Edward Crandal).

Josiah Bosworth, born November 26, 1778, followed his brother, Salmon, to Pike about 1797. He settled three miles south of LeRays-

ville and soon made a break in the wilderness. His location being on the road between Towanda and Montrose, he opened his log house as a hostelry, which became a noted stopping place and was known as the "Half-Way House." He cleared and improved a large farm, took an active part in military affairs and offered his services in the War of 1812. In 1799 he married Mary Traver by whom he had thirteen children: Harry M., Traver, Joseph P., John F., Reed M., Jackson K., George W. (died aged 10), Betsy, Electa, Sally, Catharine, Angeline (died in infancy) and Clara. Mr. Bosworth died upon his farm, September 22, 1858; his wife died October 30, 1862, aged 83 years, 9 months and 5 days. Of their children:

Harry M. married Nancy Benham and died October 22, 1824 in Pike, in his 25th year.

Traver married Mary Brush of Pike and had children: George W., Julia, Helen and Jefferson. Mr. Bosworth enlisted in the Civil War when almost 60 years of age, but his patriotism exceeded his strength and in a few months he was sent home.

Joseph P., born November 1803, died June 1884, married Bertha Barnes and had children: Alphonso, born April 2, 1830, married Ruth Russell, died February 1, 1900; Mills, Dwight, Angeline (Mrs. Wirt Johnson) and Catherine (twins), Ruth and Electa. Mr. Bosworth removed West where he died.

John F., born November 24, 1810, died December 9, 1889, married Ruth Perkins and lived at LeRaysville. Their children were: Jasper P., Albert, George, Amy (Mrs. Rufus S. Harnden), Lucelia (Mrs. Stephen Carpenter), Sarah V. (Mrs. Frank Chaffee), Delphene (Mrs. Dr. McCready).

Reed M. married Mary Baldwin and had children, Adelia and Mary Jane. He removed West and died October 3, 1854 at Rising Sun, Ind., aged 48 years and 10 months.

Jackson K., born February 15, 1814, married Mary A., daughter of David Codding, died March 10, 1897 in Pike; she, born October 24, 1813, died October 30, 1895. They had children: *Josiah A.*, born November 13, 1836, a distinguished member of Company B, 141st P. V. in Civil War; *Mary I.*, born August 2, 1838, married George W. Bosworth; *Susan*, born April 21, 1840, married Samuel Huber; *Clarissa A.*, born February 20, 1842, married George H. Humphrey, died December 17, 1876; *James* died in infancy; *Sophia M.*, born March 15, 1845, married Orrin Brown, died October 11, 1904 at Lanarch, Ill.; *John C.*, born March 7, 1847 went to Iowa, the last known of him; *Percilla L.*, born February 25, 1849, married 1st Stephen Lewis, 2nd Ezra P.

Keeler; *George L.*, born March 22, 1851 is a wealthy citizen of Manley Junction, Iowa; *Alice*, born August 1, 1853, married Hollis Atwood; *Jay E.* died in his 10th year.

Elizabeth Beulah, born January 22, 1812, died January 5, 1900 in Illinois, married October 3, 1832 Dr. Rhesus Barnes and had children, Irvine, Mary and Chloe.

Electa married Daniel Robinson and had a daughter, Helen M.

Sally married Ransford Brink and had children, Leonard M., Adelia and Emma.

Catharine married Fred Robbins and had children, Lillburn J., Emma and Clara; she died August 24, 1851, aged 37.

Clara married Richard Durbin and had a daughter, Mary; she died May 12, 1849, aged 31.

Orange Bosworth, born May 10, 1781, came to Pike about 1801 where he ever afterwards lived. He was a diligent and successful farmer. He married 1st Susanna Terril, 2nd a Mrs. Tupper He died January 8, 1860. His children were:

Polly married a Mr. Buffington.

Treat married Ann Camp of Camptown.

Louisa married Alfred Weed of LeRaysville.

Maryette married Louis Goodwin of LeRaysville.

Julia married William Lindsley of Waverly, N. Y.

Adella married Newell Briggs of Stevensville.

Lorin married Kate Price of Missouri.

Nelson T. never married.

Helen married Frank Canfield of LeRaysville. By 2nd marriage, children were:

Caroline and *Emeline*, (twins); the former married Mr. Searle of Montrose.

Reed Bosworth, born June 27, 1784, came to Pike after his brothers and father. He was a mechanic of superior skill and followed blacksmithing in conjunction with farming, being the owner of 600 acres of land. He married Amarilla Peck of Woodbridge, Conn., a decendant of Henry Peck, who came from England, 1637, and was one of the signers of the original compact of the Connecticut colony. She was born July 3, 1783 and died March 24, 1864. Mr. Bosworth died August 8, 1863. Both buried in Stevens cemetery. Their children were :

Nelson P. married Emeline Luckey of LeRaysville.

Henry C. married May 30, 1843, Maria Bosard of Osceola, Pa.

Harriet married Daniel Camp.

Susan married December 5, 1827, Myron Stevens of Stevensville.
Elizabeth P. married Alfred Bozzard of Osceola, Pa.
James W. married Laura Bird of Smithfield.

Alba Bosworth, born September 26, 1786, came to Pike with his father. He built a saw-mill and for many years engaged extensively in lumbering, manufacturing large quantities of pine lumber of the finest quality and shipping to Southern markets. After years of hard labor, he sold his mills and land property, moving to the farm improved by his father. The closing days of his peaceful, quiet life were spent at LeRaysville, where he died August 29, 1881, aged 95 years. He married 1st Sally Luckey and had two children. She was born August 7, 1790, died June 2, 1817. Mr. Bosworth's second wife was Sally Pierce. His children were:

Lewis Luckey married Sarah A. Hancock and engaged in farming and merchandising. Their children were: *Lewis Alba*, a gallant member of Company E, 12th P. V. Cavalry, Civil War, married 1st Ellen Coburn of Warren, 2nd Elbertine L. Sumner of Smithfield; *Sarah Catharine* married Egbert T. E. Becker of Mt. Carroll, Ill.; *Martha Arabella* married Martin E. Bailey of LeRaysville.

Eliza Wilson married Nelson Ross of Pike and had two children: *Henry Alba* married Sarah V. Stevens of Pike; *Fannie* married Jesse Carl of LeRaysville.

Hannah Bosworth, born January 14, 1789, married Ebenezer Evitts of Connecticut and came to Pike at about the same time or with her parents. She died March 1, 1860. Her husband, born December 11, 1781, died September 7, 1856. Their children were:

Harriet married Albert T. Smith of Pike.

Oliver B., born July 14, 1811, married Betsy Seymour, drowned April 7, 1844 at Towanda, while assisting in running rafts over the dam.

Juliette married O. G. Canfield of Pike.
Sarah married David Blackman of Pike.
Susan married George Johnson of Pike.

Amarilla Bosworth, born December 14, 1790, came to Pike with her parents. She married Fairchild Canfield of Middletown, Susquehanna county; lived in Pike where she died September 10, 1867. Her husband, born February 18, 1786, lost his life, July 22, 1869, by being thrown from a wagon while going to the funeral of a neighbor. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Stephen B.* to Clarissa Drinkwater; *Salmon B.* to Angenett Nichols; *Alba*; *Lucretia* to John H. Weed; *Mary Ann.*

Sarah Bosworth, born December 14, 1792, came to Pike with her parents and was married, 1811, to Irad Stevens; died September 4, 1856 and was buried in the Stevens cemetery on the farm where the first grave was that of her daughter, Eliza. Her husband, born May 14, 1792, came to Stevensville with his parents, Samuel and Abiah Stevens, 1802; he was Pike's first postmaster and for many years kept a general store; was a justice of the peace and in 1837 elected county commissioner; died April 3, 1851. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Valvasa B.* to G. W. Ross; *William B.* to Esther W. Bailey of Brooklyn, Pa.; *Abigail* to Jonathan Brink; *Eliza* died October 19, 1843, aged 9 years and 11 months; Edwin P. Boughton, an adopted son, died March 13, 1845, aged 20 years.

John Bosworth, born August 18, 1795, came to Pike with the family. He married Agatha Beecher and went West which was the last known of him.

Medima Bosworth, born October 29, 1797 at Kent, Litchfield county, Conn., came to Pike with her parents, where she was married December 16, 1819 to Stephen Brink. She died May 5, 1879. Her husband, born January 13, 1795 at Owego, N. Y., died March 27, 1877 at LeRaysville. Their only child, *George W.*, born August 31, 1820, married Harriet N. Benham, died December 19, 1898.

Ambrose Bosworth, born March 13, 1801, married Fannie Rogers and spent most of his life at LeRaysville where he died April 9, 1878. He had no children.

James Bowen came with William Arnold and William Harding from Rhode Island to Warren in 1797. During the summer he made improvements on the lands selected and built a log house for the occupancy of his family which he brought in the next year. Mr. Bowen settled at Warren Center, long known, as "Bowen Hollow." Here on the middle branch of the Wappusening he built a log grist-mill, the first in the town. The first orchard in Warren was also started by Mr. Bowen from apple seeds which he brought from Rhode Island. Some trees from the original planting are still bearing fruit. His son, Harry or William, born August 27, 1800, was the first white child to see the light in Warren. Another son was Abner, who was the father of Robert S. Bowen. Mrs. Bowen and several others died in 1814 during an epidemic of fever.

The Cooks are of Scotch origin, and the prominent family settling in Orwell, decendent from Henry Cook, who came from Kent county, England, and joined the Plymouth colony previous to 1640.

Zenas Cook, the first of the family to locate in Bradford county, came from Connecticut, winter of 1795-'96, in company with Asahel Johnson to explore the country. They were so favorably impressed that a company was formed and the entire town of Minden, covering most of Orwell, purchased. Mr. Cook took lands and settled at Potterville. After learning that his Connecticut claim was worthless he abandoned his improvements and evidently returned East. Later his father, Joel Cook, and brothers, Joel and Uri, became permanent settlers of Orwell.

Joel Cook, a native of Connecticut, was a true patriot of the Revolution, enlisting in 1776 and serving three years. His father took his place in the army for a short time, at his own request, was taken sick and died; and, notwithstanding this event, the son returned to the army and claimed his place and again answered to the name of Joel Cook, served his time out and got an honorable discharge. Among other engagements he participated in the siege of Mud Island and the battle of Germantown. The following circumstance during his service is related: "While the division of the army to which he belonged lay at Valley Forge, he was taken sick, being cared for by an Indian. The doctor gave up his case as hopeless and left him for the night. His Indian nurse went up to his chamber and went to sleep. In the night his thirst became almost unendurable and he was unable to awaken the Indian. He remembered he had a four-ounce bottle of liquid camphor, which with much difficulty he managed to get from his knapsack, only intending to wet his lips, but soon found he had taken it all, and very soon was in the highest state of perspiration, which, instead of proving the means of his death saved his life. The doctor said in the morning that the fever was entirely gone but wondered that the dose of camphor had not killed him." Mr. Cook married Dinah Dunbar of Wallingford, Conn. They had four sons and six daughters. *Huldah* married Truman Johnson, an Orwell pioneer. In 1814 Mr. Cook came to Orwell with his son, Uri, and lived until his death, September 6, 1836 at the age of 90 years and 32 days. His remains rest in the Darling cemetery.

Joel Cook, Jr. was born December 29, 1791 at Plymouth, Litchfield county, Conn. In 1810 he came to Orwell and purchased a large tract of land at Potterville where he settled permanently. He spent his life in agricultural pursuits, clearing his land and fitting it for the plow; was prominent in all the movements of his day having a tendency to better the condition of his neighbors; was the first to organize a Sunday school in Orwell township and was largely interested in the temperance movement of 1829; he was a great reader and familiarized himself with

the best literature of his time, besides spending many of his leisure hours studying his Bible; his life was pure from his childhood to his death, which occurred May 12, 1886. Mr. Cook married May 22, 1814, Polly, daughter of Dan and Polly (Chubbuck) Russell. She was born January 29, 1794, died August 15, 1861. They had children as follows: *Rev. Darwin* married Adelia Lewis; *Mary*; *Cyrus* married Caroline Ellsworth; *Seth* married Miss E. C. Pendleton; *Ralph* died, aged 20; *Dr. Philip B.* married 1st Emma Langworthy, 2nd Mary Haigh.

Uri Cook came to Orwell with his father in 1814. He occupied lands adjoining his brother Joel and devoted his life to farming. His wife, Phebe, died at the age of 54 years, and he in 1860, aged 80. He left one son, Zeri, and four daughters, Sally (Matthews), Elizabeth (Block), Fanny (Potter) and Laura.

Ephraim Blakesley came to the county in 1798, locating in West Burlington. He seems to have been a man of considerable enterprise, but his career was cut short by an unfortunate accident. He built a saw-mill, and in 1808 as he was trying to put the first saw-log on the carriage of his mill, he slipped and fell, his head being caught between the log and carriage, killing him instantly. His widow afterwards married a Mr. Prouty and for her third husband Jehial Ferris. In her will Mrs. Ferris names as her children, Lydia Patrick, Nathaniel Blakesley, Ephraim Blakesley, Joseph Prouty and Sarah. Obadiah and Amaziah J. Blakesley, later prominent citizens, evidently belonged to the Ephraim Blakesley family.

James Satterlee, who enlisted at the age of 13 years to fight for American independence, was a native of Stonington, Conn. In April 1777, he enlisted in the company of Capt. James Eldridge in the regiment commanded by Col. Jedediah Huntingdon of the Connecticut line and continued in the service until peace was declared. After the war he settled in Otsego county, N. Y., whence he removed to Smithfield, Bradford county in 1799. He and his family and effects were in the first wagon that passed from Athens to Smithfield and were two days in making the journey, having to camp out one night, the distance being about ten miles. He settled at East Smithfield. Two of the Satterlee children, a boy and girl, were in the woods some months after their arrival, picking berries, accompanied by a pet shoat, which was also engaged in the same agreeable business of berry picking. Hearing an outcry from the pig, the children looked around and saw their pet in the arms of a bear, which was leisurely walking off on his hind legs with the squealing shoat. Mr. Satterlee was once arrested on suspicion of

shooting one of the surveyors of the Pennsylvania title, but proving an *alibi* was discharged by the jury without leaving the box, but his defense cost him all of his property. In his declining years the government gave him a pension for his faithful services. He died about 1830, aged 66 years and lies beside his wife in the Asa Allen burying ground. He had three children: *William* died in 1811 unmarried; *Polly* married Dr. Darius Bullock, died April 29, 1863 in her 71st year without issue; *Sarah* married, January 8, 1809, Abiram Pierce and spent her days in Smithfield; she was the mother of Christopher E., William S., Stephen, Mary (Mrs. John Spalding), Jane L. (Mrs. John J. Johnson), Amos, Emma (Mrs. Horace Pomeroy).

James Shores, said to be a cousin of Samuel Shores (page 266), came to Hornbrook about 1799. He was a blacksmith and is remembered going about the neigborhood with his kit of tools, as it was called in those days, "whipping the cat." He died March 5, 1837, aged 67 years. His wife, Elizabeth Hamilton, died October 18, 1853 in her 74th year. They had eight children:

Stephen, born February 14, 1801, married Diana, daughter of Richard Horton, died August 31, 1877 in Sheshequin.

Jonathan married Sarah Merithew and removed to Michigan where he died.

Silas H., born February 9, 1815, married Eve Ann, daughter of Jeremiah Kilmer, died June 1, 1883 in Sheshequin.

Elmer died September 25, 1847 in his 30th year unmarried.

Eliza, born December 31, 1807, married 1st Richard Horton, 2nd Abram Barner, died May 7, 1898.

Sally married William, son of Joshua Horton.

Nancy married William Ferguson and removed to Illinois.

Diantha married in Illinois 1st James Smith, 2nd a Mr. Bennefield.

John Dyer, a native of Connecticut, when fourteen years old came to Wysox in 1799. He generally gave his services to other people, but was a very respectable gentleman in the community. He married Elizabeth Holley of Standing Stone, died July 30, 1851, aged 66 years; his wife died February 19, 1853. Their children were:

William, while helping cut a road through the Standing Stone narrows, was struck by a stone and died from his injuries. He was about 22 years of age and unmarried.

Eliza married Philip Sickler of Wysox.

Levi married Elizabeth Romaine of Wisconsin and died in Kansas.

Hiram married Nancy Dickens of Rome.

Benjamin married Amanda Brown of Monroe, N. Y., lived in Wysox.

Sarah married 1st Robert Ridgway, 2nd E. S. Rolls.

John W. married Fannie Roberts of Wisconsin, served with Sherman's army in the Civil War.

William Finch, a native of Connecticut and a Revolutionary soldier, was the first settler on what is known as the Towanda Hills. While fighting for Independence he was captured and taken a prisoner to Montreal. With the aid of his jack-knife he dug his way out of the prison and finding a canoe nearby, he succeeded in making his escape to the American shore. He kept secreted during the day and traveled by night without provisions. Finally he could not endure the pangs of hunger, longer, and coming to a house, where he saw no men around, he ventured in. His hostess proved to be a French woman, who discerning his wants, gave him a loaf of rye bread. Upon this and the leeks which he found in the woods, he subsisted several days. His guide through the wilderness were the sun and moss on the trees. After much suffering he finally reached the American army, resumed his place and served until the war closed.

He married and settled for a short time at Danbury, thence removed to Unadilla, N. Y. whence he found his way to Towanda. Digging a canoe out of a large pine log, he took his family with such effects as he possessed on board and floated down the Susquehanna. He landed at Bowman's eddy (about 1798), built a cabin on Welles' flats and raised a crop of corn. On account of the annual overflows and thinking that the heavy timbers on the hills would become very valuable, he decided to pick out a farm on the higher ground. Accordingly he built a log cabin on what is known as the William Welch place, moved in and began his battle with the wild woods. His home was of usual pioneer architecture, there not being a nail in the whole structure. It was floored with slabs of split pine, dressed down as nearly even as possible and covered with a cob-roof. The two doors were opposite, so that a horse could be employed to draw in logs for the huge fire place. A greased cloth was stretched across an opening left in the logs for a window. This novel dwelling was supplied with furniture of Mr. Finch's own manufacture. He hollowed out a white pine stump and with the aid of a spring-pole and pestle cracked his corn for bread. He planted apple and other seeds and started a nursery; some of the trees of his original orchard are yet standing and bearing fruit.

Mr. Finch was a very powerful man. Once a large grey wolf attacked one of his yearlings; he hastened to the spot, seized the wolf by

the hind-legs and soon thrashed the life out of him. It is said of Mr. Finch, when 70 years old, that he could take a barrel of cider by the chimes and put it in his cart. Necessity demanded the utmost economy—Mr. Finch made his own liquids and tanned both the leather which he manufactured into shoes for the family and buckskin trousers for himself. He was also a tailor and made into garments the cloth which his wife spun and wove. Their diligence was rewarded by plenty and their closing days were spent in "honest comfort." Mr. Finch had married Mary Huxley. Both were devout Methodists. He died May 3, 1836 in his 83rd year, having enjoyed the benefits of a pension under the Act of 1832. His wife died when past 80 years of age. They are buried at Cole's. Their children were:

Martha (Patty) married Thomas Green.

William and *Benjamin*, both died in young manhood, unmarried.

Thankful married Richard Davidson of Towanda.

Binoni inherited the homestead and died in Ohio while on a visit. When about 19 years of age he met with a serious misfortune. On "Cold Friday," January 19, 1810 he had started to Fowler's mill with his ox-cart. When going down the dug-way road the cart tipped over on him and being unable to free himself, his feet were so frozen that the amputation of both was necessary.

Jeremiah Taylor, a native of Berkshire county, Mass., in the winter of 1798–'99, came with his family to Sugar Creek, remaining the first year in West Burlington, where crops were planted and harvested. In the meantime he had selected lands in the central part of Granville on the North branch of Towanda creek, made a clearing and put up a log cabin. He cut a road through the forest and in the month of March, 1800 moved to his new home on an ox-sled. "Night was falling, when the oxen were unyoked and turned loose with the cow; the few household effects were brought into the cabin, a blanket was hung up at the door and another at the window, a fire was kindled in the fire-place (on the ground) and then their first repast in their forest home was prepared and eaten." Such were the beginning and the environment of the first permanent settler in Granville township. Mr. Taylor struggled faithfully, clearing and improving land until the time of his death, 1827, at the age of 55 years. In 1815 he built the first framed barn in the township. Jeremiah Taylor married Martha, daughter of Oliver Bailey, a hero of the old French war and war for Independence. Both were early and devout Baptists. They had four children, Jeremiah, Levi, Sylvester and Abigail.

Jeremiah, the eldest son, was a child when his parents came from

Massachusetts. He occupied a part of the homestead on which in 1819 he erected the first framed house in Granville; in 1820 he built the original grist-mill (ground corn only) and a few years later the first saw-mill; he also established a chair and rake factory. Mr. Taylor married Mary, daughter of David and Mary (Ferris) White of Troy. Their children were Benjamin F., Luman D., Lemira (Mrs. Dennis Perry) and Malvina (Mrs. Heman Bush). Mr. Taylor came to his death in 1849 from injuries by a horse.

Levi was born September 19, 1797 at Stockbridge, Mass. Practically his whole life was spent in Granville where he died April 27, 1890 in his 93rd year. He was an early school teacher but devoted most of his time to farming and lumbering. In 1849 he opened the first public-house for the entertainment of travelers in Granville. He married 1st Louisa, daughter of Sterling and Betsy (Stone) Holcomb by whom he had children, Alvira (Mrs. S. Denton Perry), Sterling, Betsy (Mrs. Hiram Reynolds) and Volney; married 2nd Mary Landon, no children; married 3rd Sarah Campbell and had children, Milan, Hollis H. and Fred.

Sylvester, born October 9, 1803, was the first white child to see the light in Granville. He was a man of considerable literary ability, contributed much to the press on religious and secular matters and gathered a large amount of data for a history of Bradford county; in 1840 he took the census of Western Bradford and was for 24 years postmaster at Granville Center. His death occurred in January, 1881. He married Susannah, daughter of Paul DeWitt of West Burlington. They had one child, Orlando, born April 13, 1832. married April 17, 1853, Esther M. Fowler, died December 4, 1895.

Abigail married Isaac Putnam and spent her days in Granville. Their children were Alfred, Sylvester, Orville T. and Milton.

The Woosters, David and Isaac, brothers, came from Connecticut as settlers on Towanda creek in LeRoy. The former arrived in 1797, remained only a few years then moved to the state of New York where he reared a large family.

Isaac Wooster came as a holder of Connecticut title about 1799, locating on the A. G. Kelley farm. He was a man of considerable prominence in the early days of LeRoy, where he died January 1, 1815. He had married, March 30, 1791, Mary Ann Perry, who died February 24, 1820 at LeRoy. They had three children:

Philo married for 1st wife, Sibyl Morse.

Enos, a twin brother of Philo, married Lura Crofut.

Phebe married James S. Crofut.

Benjamin Stone, a native of Massachusetts, born November 6, 1761, who had married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Wilcox, followed the latter to West Franklin in 1799. He soon moved into LeRoy, locating permanently and became quite an extensive land owner. His children were Daniel, Horace, Benjamin, Betsy, Hannah and Susanna.

Horace married Cynthia Linsley of LeRoy.
Benjamin, Jr. married Betsy, daughter of John Knapp.
Betsy married Sterling Holcomb of LeRoy.
Hannah married Gurdon Griswold of LeRoy.
Susanna married 1st John Smiley, 2nd Nehemiah Allen.

Other Early Comers to LeRoy who remained for longer or shorter periods were: 1796—Dennison Kingsbury, Elihu Knight, George Brown, Joel Bodwell; 1797—Peter Gordon, Nathan Gordon, Nicholas Gordon and Tim Culver, a noted hunter; 1798—Luther Hinman, David Andrews; 1799—Miles Oakley, George Head and Aaron Cook, a chair manufacturer.

Nathaniel Morgan in 1799 emigrated from Connecticut and located at what is now Austinville. He had previously bought the Connecticut title to 17,000 acres of land, comprising the present township of Columbia, a part of Springfield and a portion of Eastern Tioga, for which it is said he paid $7,000 in half-dollar silver pieces. Mr. Morgan made a clearing, built a cabin, raised a crop of potatoes, which he buried, sowed a piece of wheat and went back for his family with whom he returned the following Spring. He was also accompanied by David Watkins, Oliver Canfield, Joseph Batterson, Jeremiah Chapman, Aaron Bennett and Samuel Lamphere, whom he induced to come with him by giving them each a deed of 50 acres. The prospects were, indeed, dreary enough when these bold pioneers settled in Columbia. It was a dense wilderness with not even a foot-path in which to walk and nothing but blazed trees to guide them. They were men poor in property but rich in energy and perseverance. They immediately set to work and in a few days each had a cabin with a bark-roof and ground floor.

Mr. Morgan came from Reading, Conn. His Connecticut title proved worthless and after years of litigation the Pennsylvania title of the Binghams was established, and he re-purchased 500 acres of his vast tract at a bushel of wheat per acre, or its equivalent in currency. Mr. Morgan and his sons were great hunters and it is related that their peltry soon brought them enough to clear the debt. He died in the Summer of 1813, being survived by his wife, Sarah, and three children:

James, who occupied a part of the homestead, married Margaret,

daughter of John McClelland and had 11 children, three of the sons being John, Phineas C. and Nathaniel; died August 20, 1867, aged 78. His wife to whom he had been married 54 years, died September 8, 1863.

Phineas Chapman was a noted hunter. He married Hannah ——— and occupied a portion of the original purchase; was the last survivor of the little band that came to Columbia in 1800.

Nancy married Amos Satterlee and moved to Ohio where she died.

Eli Parsons, who served his country in the struggle for Independence, was born January 23, 1756 at Enfield, Conn. In 1799 he and his son, Eli, came on and took up 400 acres, Connecticut title, in Columbia township. They began improvements and built a log cabin near Columbia X Roads. In the Fall Mr. Parsons returned East, Eli remaining and chopping a fallow during the winter. The next year the father arrived with the family. Mr. Parsons was a tanner and currier by occupation and carried on that business as soon as he could make the necessary arrangements. In the meantime he went to clearing his land, which he purchased a second time, paying at the rate of one dollar, or a bushel of corn, per acre. He continued to reside in Columbia until his death, November 11, 1834. He was given a pension under the Act of 1832 for his faithful services in the Revolution. His biographer says of him: "He had long been distinguished for his benevolence and piety. His death will be deeply deplored by the church to which he belonged as well as a numerous circle of relatives and friends."

Mr. Parsons had married Rebecca Allen of Enfield, their children being Rebecca, Eli, Henry and Lydia. After her death he married Huldah Kellogg of Westfield, Mass. Their children were Daniel K., James, John, Huldah, Cynthia and Achsah. Of the daughters, *Rebecca* married John King and moved to Ohio; *Cynthia* married Reuben Merritt and settled in Ohio; *Achsah* married Elisha S. Goodrich and died in Towanda.

Eli Jr. married Hannah, daughter of Samuel Rockwell and occupied the homestead until his death in 1829. Their children were Allen S., Almira (Mrs. Lorenzo Jones), Olive (Mrs. William H. Pierce), Minerva (Mrs. Thomas J. Strait) and Cynthia (Mrs. William Sherman).

James married Louisa, daughter of Burton Strait and occupied a portion of the homestead. He was the father of Eli B. Parsons, Esq.

Daniel K. followed farming in Columbia. He was the father of the late Elijah A. Parsons of Towanda.

Francis Snechenberger, a German, came from Philadelphia to Milltown, 1799. "He was a deer-skin leather dresser. Loads of skins were taken to him and there dressed and manufactured into mittens, moccasins and breeches, until a load was made out, which he peddled about the country, bringing home money and necessaries for his family. The day he was 70 years old he was drowned by falling into his spring." His wife was an Irish woman who as a maiden had worked for her passage across the ocean. She nursed in Philadelphia, was studious and having access to some medical works acquired a good knowledge of medicine. "After settling in Athens she conceived the idea of becoming a female physician and nurse. She soon attained celebrity and had an extensive practice." Her only daughter married William, son of Philip Cranse.

Samuel Lenox, a native of Canada, came with his family to Ulster in 1799. He had not long been a resident of the town when his wife died and the family was broken up. He went to the Mohawk Valley where he afterwards married and lived until the time of his death. His son,

Daniel, born August 7, 1794, was given a home by Esquire Holcomb until he was old enough to care for himself. In 1818 he married Betsy Head of Burlington and in 1822 purchased a tract of land on Oak Hill. Here he began hewing himself out a home in the wilderness and abode there until his death, February 24, 1874. His improvement was the first on the hill, a large farm having been cleared by the assistance of his sons. Mrs. Lenox, born April 22, 1799, died April 18, 1881. They had 13 children, 10 of whom grew up as follows: George, John, Daniel, James, David S., Edward P. Jane (Mrs. Henry Kitchen), Sarah (Mrs. Huston McKinney), Mary (Mrs. George M. Ross) and Amy (Mrs. Edward Thompson).

Timothy Beeman in the month of March, 1799, moved with his family from Litchfield county, Conn. to Wilmot, being twenty days on the road. He came with two teams, a yoke of oxen and sled and a span of horses and sleigh. He located on Sugar Hill, then an unbroken wilderness. Being a carpenter by trade, in 1801 he built and occupied a framed house. Mr. Beeman had purchased his land under Connecticut title. His son, Seymour, afterwards bought the Pennsylvania title to the farm. Timothy Beeman married ——— Grace and had three sons, Seymour, Judson and Alfred and three daughters. Both he and his wife died upon the place, the former in August 1830, aged 76 years.

Seymour, the eldest son, who never married, occupied the farm

many years after his parents' death. "He was an honest, good hearted man, celebrated for making sensational speeches." He sold to James Holland and moved to North Mehoopany where he died.

Alfred married Rachel, daughter of Garritt Smith, and moved to New York state.

Judson located in other parts.

Simeon Marsh served his country, War of the Revolution, as a lieutenant in the company of Capt. James Broadrick, 4th New Jersey regiment, commanded by Colonel Spencer, from November, 1776 until June, 1778 when he was discharged. He and two of his sons, Ephraim and Eliphalet, all of whom were noted hunters and marksmen, early came to Wilmot. Later he moved to Vaughan Hill, made the first improvement there which he sold to Stephen Charlott. He moved to Rummerfield and afterwards to Ohio. In 1820 he was 70 years old and his wife, "Jenny," a cripple, 62.

Ephraim located in Wilmot about 1799. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He married for his second wife Esther (Clark) Miller and died in Rome township, 1854, in his 78th year. He had a son, Sidney.

Eliphalet was a shoemaker. He married Susanna Mowry and is said to have moved to the Alleghany. Others of the Marsh family who lived in Wilmot were Benjamin and widow, Elizabeth Marsh.

Samuel Griffin served as a fifer in Captain Clark's company, 1st Connecticut regiment, 1776, until the surrender at Yorktown. In 1799 he moved from Middlefield, Conn. to Canton, Bradford county, settling the Goff farm. His privations were many. Once he was compelled to carry a bag of grain upon his back to Ulster to get it ground, though he commonly used his samp-mortar. Mr. Griffin, who was of Welsh descent, died soon after his arrival in the new country and his death is said to have been that of the first adult in Canton township. His wife survived him some years. Three sons and a daughter settled in the county. The daughter married Nathan Roberts, who accompanied Mr. Griffin to Canton. The sons were:

Samuel occupied the homestead and was the father of six sons and five daughters. He was a man of considerable prominence in the community, taking an active part in military affairs and holding the office of captain. His death occurred in 1821, his wife, Anna, surviving. Three of his sons were John W., Samuel and George W.

Reuben, born November 3, 1781, followed shoemaking and farming; settled in Sheshequin where he died March 22, 1862. He married Sarah, daughter of Jared Norton, and had children: *Minerva* married

Isaac Lyons; *Arlette* married Dr. Amos Park; *John M.* never married; *Angenora* never married; *Samuel* married Susan M. Wells of Orwell; *Sarissa* never married; *Sarah* married William H. Bishop; *Miles.*

John, born March 5, 1783, married July 5, 1810, Betsy, daughter of Ezra Spalding of Canton; settled in Athens, kept a public house and was an extensive farmer; died March 1, 1843. Children: Eliza (Mrs. McKnett), Lucy, Hannah, John, Jane, Sarissa and Mary (Mrs. Abram Morley). *John Jr.* married Nancy, daughter of Isaac Morley, and was a man of prominence. He served as captain Company H, 57th P. V. in Civil War. His only son was the late Sheriff Job Griffin.

Jeremiah White came from Wyoming to Wysox about 1798, remained a short time and married Jane, daughter of Sebastian Strope, who as a girl had been carried into captivity by the Indians. Mr. White settled near Owego where he died, 1805, from injuries received in a mill.

John Felton came as a settler on Towanda creek, 1799, locating in the Scovell neighborhood. He was the first constable of Towanda township, 1808. After some years he removed to other parts.

James Davidson came as a settler under Connecticut title to Towanda about 1799. He located near the old nail works, sold his tract about 1809 to William Means and removed with his family to Brainbridge, N. Y. His first wife, by whom he had children, Richard, George, James and Lydia (Mrs. Patchin), died while he was living in Towanda He afterwards married "Widow Loomis" and had two children, Henry and Lydia (Mrs. James Long).

Richard married 1st Thankful, daughter of William Finch and had a son, Benjamin, a life-long resident of Towanda Hills; married 2nd Polly Frisbie of Monroe and emigrated to Ohio where he died.

Henry settled in Ulster where he was a prominent citizen.

The Barbers were the first to advance near the headwaters of Sugar Creek, going thereto as early as 1798. They are said to have possessed Indian blood. Thomas located on a property afterwards owned by G. F. Viele. He was a noted woodsman and built a small grist-mill in the glen on his place. Other members of the family—Joseph, John, Solomon, Reuben and Thomas Jr. were settlers in the same neighborhood. Reuben was known as "Dr. Barber" as he frequently treated cases by the application of native herbs.

Smithfield Comers 1799 were Oliver Hays, David Couch, Elias Needham and perhaps others. John Bassitt (Bassett) came into the county in 1799 and moved to Smithfield in 1806, died there, the family

afterwards selling and moved to Illinois. Hays went West in 1820, and Couch and Needham after a number of years in an unsuccessful effort to establish a home moved to other parts.

Reuben Hale, a native of Glastonbury, Conn., born February 6, 1773, caught the Yankee ardor of making a trip to the beautiful Susquehanna valley, hoping to make his fortune and find a desirable home. Accordingly in 1799 in the course of his travels he visited the family of Isaac Tracy at Tioga Point, former acquaintances in Connecticut, and while there was induced to buy a tract of land lying on Towanda creek. He subsequently made several additional purchases of lands adjoining and became the owner of the old saw-mill on Towanda creek. February 27,, 1803 he married Wealthy, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Rogers) Tracy of Tioga Point and moved into a log house which had been occupied by the Doughertys. Here he lived until 1810 when he erected and occupied the spacious mansion, known as the Hale residence and still the home of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Hale was a man of splendid judgment and performed many public duties. In 1810 he was appointed Towanda's first postmaster and was for several years a justice of the peace. He accumulated a fine property and was one of the county's most prominent and esteemed citizens. His death occurred January 30, 1825. His wife, a lady of refinement, was one of the first school teachers in Towanda. She was born January 15, 1777, died April 12, 1854. Their children were:

Eliza, born November 27, 1804, married Gen. William Patton of Towanda, died July 9, 1841.

Nancy, born March 14, 1808, married Benjamin Spees of Towanda, died February 6, 1832.

James Tracy, born October 14, 1810, read law and became eminent in the legal profession; located at Bellefonte and was appointed president judge of the 25th district to fill a vacancy in 1851; was elected to Congress from the 18th district in 1858 and re-elected in 1860 and '62; died April 6, 1865 at Bellefonte.

Elias Wellington, born December 13, 1816, occupied the homestead and for a number of years followed lumbering and milling in connection with farming. He took an active interest in public and military affairs, held the office of major and was popularly known as "Major Hale." In 1850 he was appointed deputy U. S. Marshal and as such made the census enumeration of Towanda. He was chosen a presidential elector in 1864. In his various business affairs he was highly successful. He was a royal entertainer and a gentleman of the old school.

Major Hale married Miss Mary J. Taylor of Glastonbury, Conn., who survives. He died April 21, 1905.

Russell Gibbs, born November 26, 1767, came from Vermont to Sheshequin in 1799 and began improvements on the Bidlack place. In 1806 he and his brother-in-law, Reuben Bumpus, removed to Bumpville where they each had purchased 50 acres of land of Joseph Kingsbury. They at first built a log house and lived together on the present Richards farm. Later, Bumpus built on the west side of the road on the Drake place. Mr. Gibbs continued improvements and died November 19, 1839 on the farm where he commenced. He married Rachel Pierce, who was born August 25, 1782, died February 5, 1852. Their children were:

Phebe, born February 17, 1800, married Hiram Drake.

Elizabeth, born August 22, 1801, married Hosea Billings.

Huldah, born November 15, 1804, married Richard Struble.

Permilla, born March 24, 1805, married James L. Coe who died in the West, aged 109 years.

Hiram, born May 25, 1806, died unmarried, March 21, 1829.

Lucy, born June 12, 1809, married Richard Struble, being his 2nd wife.

Russell, born October 13, 1810, married Nancy Shores.

Daniel P., born May 9, 1812, married Samantha Bristol, died April 15, 1889.

Matilda, born August 29, 1819, married John Bishop.

Alexander and *Vincent* (twins) were born August 26, 1821. The former married Sally Ann Clapper and the latter Betsy Buffum.

David Olmstead of New Milford, Connecticut who had three daughters married and living in Pike, also, came with the balance of the family about 1799. He settled on the opposite side of Wyalusing creek from the Bostwick farm. Among other things he always clung to the colonial style of dress, wearing the old fashioned shoe-buckles until the close of his life. Of his known children: *Asa*; *Lois* married Dimon Bostwick; *Mary* married Benajah Bostwick; *Sally* married Salmon Bosworth; *Adolphus* married Mary, daughter of William Johnson; *Ansel* married Rhoda, daughter of Ezekiel Brown.

The Omans, John and George, came to Upper Sheshequin in or before 1799. They remained only a few years. John married Polly Wallace, sister of Mrs. George Murphy. Their last years were spent at Geneseo, N. Y.

Henry Ellsworth, a Revolutionary soldier, came to Wyalusing in or before 1796. He moved to Pike thence into Susquehanna county. He had sons, Henry, James, Joseph and Jonathan.

James married a daughter of Mrs. Catharine Bartges and lived for a time in Wilmot where he engaged in lumbering and shingle-making. He had a Durham boat, used in running the river.

Joseph married a Miss Chilson of Asylum and settled near his father in Susquehanna county.

Jonathan, who married Deborah Canfield, "was a great hunter. One day when in the woods, he found a long hollow tree on the ground, which, from the appearance of one end, he judged to be the home of some wild animal. He prepared to make a discovery, by a Putnam-like feat, and entered the hollow with his knife before him, drawing after him his loaded gun, muzzle hindmost, to serve in case he should be attacked in the rear. He emerged unharmed, however, with three young panthers which he bore home without being disturbed." He was the father of John A. Ellsworth who died October 2, 1901 in Pike in his 78th year.

John Hicks came to the Sheshequin neighborhood in 1799. About 1808 he settled at North Rome where he undoubtedly died. His wife, Nancy, died November 18, 1840, aged 75 years and is buried at Towner Hill. He had two sons, John M. and George.

John M. married Eunice, daughter of John C. Forbes and settled on the Joseph Allen place. He built a factory and manufactured furniture. He died June 6, 1875, aged 86 years, and his wife, April 8, 1877 aged 84 years. Their children were Albert, Alfred, Jackson, Nancy (Mrs. Cyrus Merrill), Julia (Mrs. Daniel B. Cotton), Alma (Mrs. Elijah W. Towner), Eunice and Artemissa.

George married Sarah Post and after some years located in other parts.

Laban Landon, a native of New Jersey, born January 13, 1759, was one of Washington's body-guard and served throughout the war for Independence. He married Elizabeth Gillis, a native of Newbury, N. Y. and in 1799 settled in Canton township, Bradford county, on the O. B. Grantier farm. He was both a physician and farmer. In 1822 the family removed to Troy where Mr. Landon died in June, 1828, but returned to Canton in 1830. Mrs. Landon died in June, 1848 in her 84th year. Their children were Laban X., Mahala, Benjamin, Ezra, Levi D., Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob Grantier), Sarah, Mercy, Hannah (Mrs. Irvine Rogers), Joshua G., David S., Catharine (Mrs. William Wilsey), Nancy (Mrs. Alpheus Peters) and Eldaah.

Levi D. died in Canton, 1862, leaving a wife, Lucinda and children, Benjamin, David, Elisha, John W., Levi F., Lucy (Mrs. Lyon) and Mary E. (Mrs. Smith).

Joshua G., born February 27, 1800, was the first white child to see the light in Canton.

Eldaah, born April 15, 1808, married 1st Lucy Loveridge and had children, Warren, Newton, Lucinda (Mrs. Parkhurst) and Charles; married 2nd Hannah (Heverly) Annable; died August 10, 1895, being the last survivor of the family.

Other Canton Settlers before 1800 were: 1797—*Moses Emerson* who was both a physician and farmer located on the farm afterwards owned by Ichabod Sellard; he died before 1813 when the property was assessed to his widow "Joanna" Emerson. *Benjamin Babcock* settled the Reuben Loomis farm and *Nathaniel Babcock* on the Jacob Beardsley place; both remained in the town many years. *John Crandall* from Connecticut located in the Grover neighborhood, tarried a few years then sold to Stephen Sellard and moved down on Lycoming creek. *Ebenezer Bixby* came in and occupied a cabin for three years on the G. W. Griffin place. 1799—*Nathan Roberts* came as a settler with his father-in-law, Samuel Griffin. *Joseph Van Sick*, a German doctor, located in the town for the practice of his profession. *Daniel Bailey* began improvements on the Enoch Sellard farm. *Daniel Ingraham* and *Eleazer Allis* joined the Canton settlers.

The Fowlers, settling in Bradford county, are descendent from William Fowler who arrived at Boston, June 26, 1637 from London, England in company with Rev. John Davenport, Theophilus Eaton, Peter Pruden and "others of good character and fortunes." In 1638 in company with Mr. Davenport, he sailed from *Quinnipiac*, or New Haven where he resided a year or more. He was present at the famous meeting in Mr. Newman's barn, June 4, 1639, when the peculiar constitution and policy of Mr. Davenport was agreed upon and subscribed to that agreement. In the spring of 1639 the settlement of Milford had been arranged and Mr. Fowler was the first named of the trustees. At the first meeting of the Milford Company he was chosen one of the Judges. The church was organized in 1639 and he was elected one of the "Seven Pillars." He held various offices in church and state and was deeply engaged in public improvements until his death in 1660. His son, Capt. William Fowler, remained at New Haven, married, took the oath of "fidelity" and was admitted to the General Court. His second son, Jonathan, removed from New Haven to Norwich, thence to Windham where he died. Jonathan's youngest

son, Jonathan, "the Sergeant," was celebrated for his great size and strength, of which wonderful stories are told. He is reputed to have been seven feet in height and weighed over 400 pounds. His muscular powers were enormous. He could lift a barrel of cider by the chimes and drink from the bung-hole. He once attacked and killed a bear with a club, from which feat his fame spread abroad, so that George III, then King of England, had a painting made, the margin bearing the inscription, "Jonathan Fowler, the giant of America, in the act of killing a bear." He had ten children of whom Gordon, the Monroe pioneer, was the eighth.

Gordon Fowler—Some of the early settlers of Monroe came to the township under Connecticut title. Fifty acres were offered as a gratuity to the first settlers. Gordon Fowler and his sons, Jonathan and Rogers, bought 1100 acres at a dollar per acre under this title of Reed Brockaway and accordingly came in and occupied their purchase. In September, 1800 Mr. Fowler started from his home in Tolland, Conn. with two yoke of oxen and a horse in one team and two horses in another. He crossed the Hudson at Catskill, taking the horses and wagons at several trips. From Catskill the party came by way of Unadilla, finding no bridges over the streams and in many places very bad roads. Reaching Milltown, Mr. Fowler left his family with his son, Rogers, who had preceded (1798) him in the county, and came on and built a log house on the W. W. Decker place. However, before moving his family from the East, Mr. Fowler and his son, Daniel, had been in "viewing lands" and made a purchase. Upon settling in Monroe, the Fowlers were required to cut their own road up the creek from where the covered bridge now is. They found a family by the name of Wheeler in a little log house about forty rods farther up the creek. The Fowlers had paid for their lands and after having erected a grist-mill, saw-mill and made other improvements, their titles proved worthless. However, not being daunted by such adverse fortune they repurchased on long credit of the Holland Land Company and this time were more fortunate; but it required the most stubborn energy and perseverance to bring forth the fruits of husbandry from a wild and densely wooded region. After nine years of struggle and privation, the father was called to his eternal rest, freed from hardship and toil. Gordon Fowler was born April 16, 1739, married February 15, 1758, Sarah Rogers, died November 19, 1809. By this marriage his children were Jonathan, Daniel, Elijah, Rogers, Asa, Gordon and Sarah. He married 2nd, December 28, 1775, Mary Chapman, who was born July 21,

1750, died July 26, 1832. Their children were Mary, Hannah, Russell, Roxy, Austin and Betsy.

Jonathan Fowler, born March 2, 1759, came to Monroe with his father. He was a soldier of the Revolution, having served as a private under Captain Savage in the Connecticut regiment commanded by Col. Henry Sherburn, from April 20, 1777 to April 20, 1780. He was captured by the enemy and suffered a period of imprisonment in the notorious "Sugar House" at New York. He settled the Hiram Sweet place and built one of the very first framed houses in Monroe. "Mr. Fowler being sick his wife, Sarah, went out of the house one night to procure some herbs for his use, having a pine torch in her hand. Hearing a noise behind her, she turned and saw a bear standing up on his hind legs as tall as herself. She ran into the house and the bear made his supper on fresh pork, killing it himself. Bruin, however, was killed in turn next day." Mr. Fowler followed farming though much broken in health in consequence of his army hardships for which he was given a pension. He died December 7, 1834, and his wife, July 11, 1832, aged 69 years and 9 months. Their children were:

Jonathan, a cripple, never married.
Ira C. was of slender constitution, never married.
Nancy married Abraham Fox, lived in Monroe.
Electa married Josiah Cranmer of Monroe.
Sally married Solomon Cole of Asylum.

Daniel Fowler when a boy enlisted in the Revolutionary war, was taken prisoner and kept some months in the "Sugar House" from which he came out scarcely alive. He rose to the rank of Major at the age of twenty. He settled at Hudson, N. Y. where he inaugurated the first school of note, the "City Academy of Hudson." One of his pupils was Martin VanBuren afterwards President of the United States

Elijah Fowler studied medicine and settled in Tyringham, Mass.

Rogers Fowler, born July 8, 1766, came first to Milltown in 1798 and in 1800 moved to Monroe. He located on the place now owned and occupied by Elias T. Park. He was a carpenter and millwright, building soon after his arrival, the grist-mill and saw-mill at Fowlertown. He was a noted Freemason, Colonel of militia and in other respects a man of prominence. His death occurred May 12, 1812. He left no family.

Mary Fowler, born March 31, 1777, who taught the first school in Monroe, married Deacon John Fox of Towanda and was the mother

of Olive (Mrs. Thomas Elliott), Miller, Mary (Mrs. William W. Goodrich), John Marvin, Priscilla Brunette (Mrs. Julius Foster) and Hiram Chapman, died January 17, 1858.

Hannah Fowler, born April 7, 1780, married Daniel Miller and moved with her husband into the wilds of Albany, reared a large family and died March 20, 1850.

Russell Fowler, born September 15, 1782, married Sophia Lawrence. He opened and conducted a hostelry many years on the Park place; engaged extensively in lumbering and operated a distillery; took great interest in public improvements, church and school matters. He died August 22, 1851. Children were:

Sevellon L. married Mary DuBois and died in Missouri.

Rogers married Almeda, daughter of Harry Morgan of Wysox, went West, engaged in lumbering and at the breaking out of the Civil War was appointed Commissary General of the State of Illinois by Governor Yates; was afterwards commissioned Colonel and sent West; after the war he engaged in railroading in Texas.

Samantha married James C. Ridgway and moved to Minnesota.

Ellen M. married Judge Edward Elwell and settled in Wisconsin.

Hiram married 1st Catharine Fields, 2nd Maria Young, died at Green Bay, Wis.

Russell settled in Illinois.

Adeline married Lewis G. Kellogg and moved to Missouri.

Roxy Fowler, born July 16, 1786, married Eliphalet Mason and was the mother of Zilpha (Mrs. Isaac Rogers), Roxy (Mrs. Charles Birch), Gordon F., Rufus, Dr. E. Hastings, William A., Lemuel A. and Sarah (Mrs. Jacob Veiley), died February 15, 1851.

Austin Fowler, born May 31, 1787, married Betsy Lawrence and was associated with his brother, Russell in the milling and lumbering business; had also worked at carpentering with his brother, Rogers. "He was a faithful and intelligent citizen, a kind neighbor and exemplary Christian." His wife, born May 31, 1789, died May 19, 1846. Their children were Franklin D., Eliza E., Adelia E., Gordon M., William W., Cyrus E. and Amanda M. Mr. Fowler married 2nd Mrs. Eliza Wenck and had one son Clarence Austin; died May 3, 1875.

Franklin D., born December 20, 1814, married Maria Day, died February 8, 1899.

Eliza E., born November 25, 1816, died at an advanced age unmarried.

Adelia E., born February 1, 1819, married Sanford Plummer, died August 12, 1877.

Gordon M., born August 14, 1821, married Mary Varney and removed West.

William W., born June 13, 1824, married Eliza A. Miller, died January 1, 1895.

Cyrus E., born October 10, 1828, died unmarried May 17, 1850.

Amanda M., born April 6, 1831, married Samuel McKittrick and removed to Canada.

Clarence A., born July 22, 1847, occupies the homestead.

Betsy Fowler, born April 14, 1792, married Abner C. Rockwell, the first sheriff of Bradford county and was the mother of Maria (Mrs. Joseph Montanye), Zera, James Lawrence, William A. and Rolland R.

William Buck, a native of Killingly, Connecticut, when 14 years of age went to live with President Wheelock of Dartmouth college (Hanover, N. H.) Upon attaining his majority Mr. Wheelock gave him a deed to a tract of land (Connecticut title) in Pennsylvania on condition that he settle and improve the property. Accordingly in the spring of 1798 Mr. Buck came to Sheshequin and for three years made his home with Joseph Kinney. In 1801 he located at LeRaysville in Pike, repurchasing his land of LeRay at five dollars per acre. Here he lived and toiled until the close of his life, 1848, at the age of 71 years. He married, 1802, Charlotte Seymour, formerly of Norwalk, Conn. Their children were Matilda (Mrs. George Seymour), Lyman, Lydia (Mrs. Simeon Brink), Mehitable (Mrs. Eliakim W. Todd), William, Martha Fidelia, Frances Paulina, Samuel and Perley H.

Lyman married Mary Waterman and was the father of the late S. Wilson Buck.

Samuel married Martha Makinson, died January 16, 1899, aged 78 at LeRaysville; left no children.

Perley H. married Elizabeth, daughter of Amos Northrup; was active and influential in public affairs, serving two terms as County Commissioner and two terms as State Representative; died October 22, 1907, aged 84 years; children, Charlotte E. (Mrs. Martin S. Prentice), George W., Mary Frances (Mrs. William J. Davies), Samuel W., Walter P. and Carrie L. (Mrs. Leslie A. Codding).

Eleazer Allis, son of Eleazer, was a descendant in the fifth generation from William Allis who came from England and settled at Braintree, Mass. about 1640. He was born, 1765 at Hatfield and married, December 16, 1784, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Boltwood) Ingraham of Amhurst, Mass. They had children, Lucinda, Lucretia, Eleazer, Silas, Ithiel and Mary. After the death of his wife, Mr. Allis removed to Vermont, settling on the Lamoill river, married

Mariam Pudmont and had two children. In 1799 he emigrated to Canton, Bradford county, evidently coming with or through the inducements of Daniel Ingraham (probably a brother-in-law). He remained, a year or two, at Canton then came to Sugar Creek where in 1801 he married his 3rd wife, Esther, daughter of Ezra Rutty. In 1804 he located on Johnson creek in Orwell township, the place of his settlement still being known as Allis Hollow. He was required to cut his own road up the creek from Peter Johnson's and his log cabin and improvement were the first in South Orwell. Henceforth until the close of his life, Mr. Allis devoted his time diligently in clearing land, hunting and trapping and was rewarded with abundance. He died November 28, 1837, and his wife, September 23, 1831. Their children were Orrilla, Laura, Electa, Orinda, Mary Ellen, Ezra R., Eliza, Clarissa, William W. and Esther. Altogether Mr. Allis was the father of 21 children.

Lucinda, born February 7, 1787, married Joshua Horton of Sheshequin, was mother of nine children, died April 20, 1846.

Lucretia married William Warfield of Orwell.

Eleazer, born September 2, 1789, married, May 25, 1820, Diana Eastabrook, died May 21, 1877; children, Edwin I., Hiram, Mariam (Mrs. Harry Stevens), Ordensa (Mrs. Thomas R. Pickering), Arletta.

Silas, born March 14, 1794, married April 27, 1825, Margaret, daughter of Henry Lent, died November 1, 1870; children, Henry S., Henderson K., Harrison C., Henrietta A. (Mrs. Harry Parks), Hala C. and Hester R. (Mrs. Corydon E. Thayer).

Ithiel married Harriet, daughter of Joel Barnes, died, 1865, aged 70 years; children, Harriet Eliza, Ithiel Judson, Oscar F., Joel M.

Mary died at the age of 17 unmarried.

Orrilla, born August 7, 1802, married Rufus Foster of North Towanda, was the mother of 12 children, died March 2, 1868.

Laura, born April 29, 1804, married, January 12, 1826, Abel Darling of Orwell, was the mother of nine children, died March 6, 1882.

Electa, born August 6, 1806, married, March 5, 1826, Harry L. Parks, was the mother of 10 children, died October 21, 1887.

Orinda, born July 11, 1809, married James Cleveland, was the mother of three children, died February 15, 1846.

Ezra R., born October 16, 1810, married Margaret, daughter of Jacob Wickizer, died February 14, 1885; children, William W., Jacob H., Mariam (Mrs. Joseph Allen), George R., Helen (Mrs. George Forbes).

Mary Ellen, born June 25, 1811, married Silas Mills of North Towanda, was the mother of four children, died September 17, 1890.

Eliza married Lewis Thayer and had three children.

Clarissa, born December 1, 1818, married, February 23, 1848, Henry D. Rockwell, mother of four children, died April 26, 1891.

William Wilson, born June 20, 1821, married, April 13, 1848, Martha Young, had one son, died August 28, 1892,

Esther, born October 1, 1825, married, February 24, 1848, Nathaniel N. Parks, mother of six children, died April 17, 1888.

Other Names 1799, found on the assessment rolls and not included in preceding sketches :

Tioga List

Oliver Arnold
Thomas Averil
George Boyd
Peter Cady
Samuel Campbell
Abel Cleveling
Clark Cleveling
James Cleveling
Eli Cooper
Abram Decker
Jeremiah Decker
Joseph Ferlin
Salmon Hamblin
John Headon
Jedediah Hibard
John Hill
Lather Hunt
Samuel Irwin
Joseph Loughrey
John Meekans
Margaret Miller
Stephen Morgan
Joel Murray
Cyrus Niles
Samuel Niles
Ludton Owen
Hezekiah Parker
Jonathan Pease
Thos. M. Perry
Job Phillips
Josiah Pierce
Matthias Prinster
Justice Rockwell
John Sanford
Samuel Starks
Rachael Stone

Wysox List

Abraham Ballard
John Blandin
David Byengton
Samuel Covel
Daniel Ingraham
Ebenezer Lee Jr.
Joshua Lumarey
David White
Robt. Williams.

Aaron Gillett, 1797, living near mouth of Towanda creek.

Silas Leonard, 1797, living in the Wythe neighborhood, Towanda.

Henry Lawrence, 1797, located on Sugar Creek, Burlington.

John Phillips, 1797, living in lower settlement, Towanda creek.

Rev. Daniel Thatcher, pastor of the Wysox Presbyterian church, died suddenly, 1797, at the home of Henry Strope.

David White, 1798, locates on Sugar Creek in Burlington.

Robert Lattimore during the '90's lived at Wyalusing. He sold and removed to Wayne county, N. Y.

John Ogden, given in the list of 1796, was a blacksmith at Wyalusing. He married for his second wife a daughter of Mrs. Catharine Bartges.

Summary—Bradford county was long in being settled. It was 150 years from the time of the visit of the first white man (Brule') until the first settlement (the Moravians) was made. It was half a century from the time that Rudolph Fox erected his cabin on Towanda

Creek until the mountain township of Armenia had its first permanent inhabitant. Thirty years after the arrival of Rudolph Fox, nine townships, Albany, Armenia, Barclay, Herrick, Overton, Ridgebury, South Creek, Springfield and Windham, had yet to receive their first settler, while in eleven other townships, Canton, Columbia, Granville, Litchfield, Orwell, Rome, Smithfield, Troy, Tuscarora, Warren and Wells, there was only a recent and meager beginning. The district settled, not more than a fourth of the county, was along the Susquehanna and the lower vallies of the Wyalusing, Wysox, Towanda and Sugar creeks. The population, about 3500, was principally German, Dutch, New England, Scotch-Irish and French. With these people began the amalgamation of blood of which the majority of our inhabitants is possessed. The first settlers were pre-eminently sturdy and patriotic, and the impress of their character has prevailed for more than a hundred years.

Bradford County During the Revolution.

SIX years before it was declared, "that the united colonies are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown," the first permanent settler had floated down the Susquehanna and pitched his cabin within Bradford county. From 1770 to 1777 about sixty families had found their way into the county and were residing along the river in the great wilderness, stretching from Towanda to Quick's Bend. Most of these settlers had established homes under Connecticut title, some under Pennsylvania title, a few had purchased from the Indians while others were here merely as "squatters." When the war clouds reached the valley the Connecticut settlers arrayed themselves on the side for Independence, while the Pennsylvania title men and most of the "squatters," or "interlopers," were loyal to Great Britain. The Whigs and Tories were about equally divided and a clash was inevitable.

The situation of the Whig families was most hazardous. Above them were the Indian villages of Sheshequin and Tioga. Tioga early became the place of rendezvous for hostile bands of British soldiers, Tories and Indians, who, following the Susquehanna, or great war-path, which skirted its eastern banks, made their incursions upon Wyoming; or, taking the Sheshequin path, fell like a thunderbolt upon the inhabitants of the West Branch. Scarcely a month was allowed to pass, from beginning to the close of the Revolutionary war, that these hills did not echo the yells of the savage warrior, or have the tread of the American soldier.

In 1776 when the call was issued for the formation of the two Wyoming companies there was a quick response from this end of the valley. Simon Spalding, James Wells and son, Justus Gaylord and sons, Stephen Skiff and others hastened to Wyoming and gave their services to the cause of liberty. Other Whigs with their families followed to Wyoming for protection and to give aid in the impending struggle. Still others returned to New England and joined the American army.

Thus for a time the Tories held almost entire possession of the county. The men finally joined Johnson's Royal Greens and moved their families within the British lines. From 1779 to 1783, owing to the various hostile expeditions into this section, there was left neither Whig, Tory, Neutral nor Indian within the bounds of the county.

1777—Bradford county was the scene of many thrilling and history-making events during the Revolutionary war. In the month of March, 1777, while Rudolph Fox of Towanda was in search of his cattle, he was seized by the Indians and taken captive to Quebec, where he was kept for nine months, during all of which time his family was ignorant of his fate.

On December 6, 1777 a party of twenty Indians and refugees, under Indian chief Hopkins, plundered the house of Robert Fitzgerald at Standing Stone and drove off his cattle, sheep and horses.

The latter part of December, 1777 Lieutenant-Colonel Dorrance made an expedition up the river with 111 men looking after troublesome Tories. He advanced as far as Lower Sheshequin, where he found Indian chief Hopkins domiciled and whom it was believed was harboring several prominent Tories. The soldiers were directed not to molest the Indians, but hoping to capture some of the harassing whites entered Hopkins' house, made him prisoner and commenced their search. Hopkins, attempting to escape, was shot through the body by Rufus Baldwin, who was placed to guard him. This was *the first blood shed in this valley* during the Revolutionary war. Hopkins, however, recovered and was present at the battle of Wyoming

1778—The year 1778 commenced with renewed acts of depredations upon the settlements. In January a party of Indians captured Lemuel Fitch of Standing Stone, took him to Niagara, thence to Canada where he died in captivity.

On the 14th of February (1778) Amos York of Wyalusing was seized by a band of Tories and Indians, who plundered his house, drove off his stock, and with much cruelty tore Mr. York from his family and marched him away. He was held in captivity about nine months, but died after his release before he could reach his loved ones.

In the month of March (1778) Nathan Kingsley, a neighbor of Mr. York, was also captured by the Indians and taken to Niagara. After about a year he made his escape and reached Wyoming in safety.

During the latter part of March Lieutenant-Colonel Dorrance with 150 men came up from Wilkes-Barre and removed the York, Kingsley and other Whig families remaining at Wyalusing and Wilmot to Wyoming.

On the 20th of May (1778) a band of 13 Indians surprised the Stropes and VanValkenburgs at Wysox, burned their house, drove off their stock and carried all into captivity with the exception of Sebastian Strope, who had started for Wyoming. Rudolph Fox was again captured by the same party, but soon succeeded in making his escape.

During the month of June, Indians, British soldiers and Tories (combined force variously estimated, 800 to 1100) assembled at Tioga Point and arranged their attack upon Wyoming. While at Tioga a few days were spent in feasting at which every Indian warrior devoured a portion of roasted dog flesh, singing war-songs and engaging in war-dances. At the conclusion of these performances, the party with faces bedaubed with paint, embarked in their canoes, sang their war-songs and set out on their cruel mission.

In September (1778) Colonel Thomas Hartley put in operation his bold design of penetrating the enemy's country and destroying the Indian towns in this section. He left Muncy on the 21st with 200 men and he himself says: "Our route was met with great rains and prodigious swamps; mountains, defiles and rocks impeded our march. We waded or swam the river Lycoming upwards of twenty times. In lonely woods and groves we found the lurking places of the savage murderers who had desolated our frontier. We saw the huts where they dried the scalps of the helpless women and children who had fallen in their hands." On the 26th Hartley reached the lower edge of the county, and near Canton met a number of Indians on the war-path. A skirmish ensued in which an important chief was killed when the other Indians fled. At or near Ulster 15 prisoners were taken. Queen Esther's town and all the settlements on the west side of the river were destroyed. The march down the river, a distance of 30 miles, was made in a day. When the expedition reached (Sept. 29) Indian Hill, just on the lower edge of the county, a heavy onset was made on the left flank and rear by a large body of Indians. The contest was sharp and of short duration. The enemy fled, leaving ten of their number dead upon the field. Hartley's loss was four killed and ten wounded. He reached Wyoming on the 5th of October, having performed a circuit of nearly 300 miles in about two weeks, "bringing off," as he says, "nearly 50 head of cattle, 28 canoes and many other articles."

1779—Sullivan Expedition—As a result of Colonel Hartley's success, a much greater movement was planned against the Indians. The chief command of the expedition was given to Major-General John Sullivan of New Hampshire, who was directed to report at Easton, where the main body of troops was ordered to be assembled. On the 18th of June the troops left Easton, arriving at Wyoming on the 23rd.

Here for nearly six weeks General Sullivan was busily engaged in collecting supplies, boats and pack-horses and in organizing and drilling his army. The boats, 214 in number, were loaded with provisions, the heavy artillery, consisting of two 6-pounders, four 3-pounders, two howitzers and other military stores, and the fleet placed in command of Col. Thomas Proctor. The pack-horses, 1200, carried the camp equipage and daily rations, following with these were 800 beef cattle.

On Saturday afternoon, July 31, the whole army was put in motion for its march to Tioga. The force, in addition to Colonel Proctor's artillery regiment, consisted of three brigades, about 3,500 men. The Light Troops, Pennsylvania organizations, under command of Gen. Edward Hand, formed the vanguard of the army and usually marched about a mile in front of the main body. Gen. William Maxwell, commanding the New Jersey brigade, formed the Right division, the Left, under command of Gen. Enoch Poor, was composed of the New Hampshire and Massachusetts troops: Lieutenant John Jenkins was chief guide. Sixty men under Capt. William Gifford came up on the west side of the river to prevent any surprise or interruption from that quarter.

On August 5th the army arrived at Wyalusing and encamped, remaining until the 8th: August 8th – 9th, main army encamped at Standing Stone and Light Troops at Wesauking (Wysox); on the evening of August 9th whole army went into camp at Sheshequin, remaining until the 11th, when the march was continued and Tioga Point reached. On the 9th Colonel Proctor landed on the west side of the river and destroyed the Indian town of Newtychanning (mouth of Sugar creek), consisting of 28 log houses, which had been abandoned. Soon after reaching Tioga, General Sullivan ordered the construction of a stockade fort, which was called "Fort Sullivan"; "four blockhouses were built for the defense of the boats and garrisoned by 250 men and invalids, Col. Israel Shreve commanding; here all unnecessary baggage was left and all the women and children, also two 6-pounders."

On August 22, Gen. James Clinton's division, consisting of four regiments and numbering about 1,500 men, coming from the Mohawk by the way of Otsego Lake, arrived at Tioga, where they were welcomed with salvos of artillery and escorted into camp by Proctor's military band. The army now numbered about 5,000 men, one third of the whole American army. This was the largest and most imposing military force ever gathered on the soil of Bradford county, as the expedition was the most remarkable undertaking during the Revolutionary war.

On August 5, Sergt. Martin Johnson of the 2nd New Jersey regiment died suddenly after going into camp at Wyalusing. A soldier of the cattle guard belonging to Van Cortlandt's regiment, who had died at Black Walnut, was brought to Wyalusing and with Sergeant Johnson was buried near the Kingsley house. August 12, in the engagement at Chemung seven soldiers were killed. All were brought back to Tioga Point and buried in one grave with military honors. August 15, while Jabez Elliott and four others were guarding some horses and cattle at Queen Esther's flats, they were fired upon by a small party of the enemy. Elliott was killed and scalped. August 17, Philip Helter of the German regiment, while a little beyond the picket line at Tioga Point, was fired upon by savages lying in ambush and killed. August 23, Capt. Benjamin Kimball was accidentally shot and killed by a companion at Tioga Point. He was buried on the following day with military honors. Abner Dearborn who was severely wounded August 29 at Newtown died a few days later at Tioga Point.

August 26 at 10 o'clock the armies of both Sullivan and Clinton were in motion for the accomplishment of the great object of the expedition. The battle of Newtown followed on Sunday, August 29, in which the Indians, British and Tories were severely punished and scattered in all directions. The country between the Upper Susquehanna and the Genesee was then laid waste by the patriots who destroyed 41 Indian towns and villages, the mission having been achieved with a loss of only forty-one men, killed, died of wounds and other causes.

September 30 on the return of Sullivan and Clinton with their armies at Tioga, "they were received with military honors, the garrison turning out with presented arms and a salute of thirteen rounds from their artillery, which compliment was returned them from the park of artillery with the army. Colonel Shreve had an elegant dinner provided for the general and field officers of the army." On October 2 "General Sullivan made an elegant entertainment and invited all the field officers to dine with him. In the evening to conclude the mirth of the day, an Indian dance was held. Officers joined in it. The dance was led and conducted by a young sachem of the Oneida tribe. At the end of each the Indian war whoop was set up by the whole."

October 3 Fort Sullivan was demolished and on the following day the army marched from Tioga to Wysox, encamping on the same ground as on August 8th—9th. On the morning of October 5th all the troops embarked on boats, except a number to drive the cattle and take down the pack horses; reached Wyoming on the afternoon of the 7th

and encamped on the same ground and in the same order as on July 30. General Sullivan left Wyoming October 10th and reached Easton the 15th, where a thanksgiving service was held, and then the army hastened to join that of Washington. Congress passed a vote of thanks in which the officers and men were complimented in the highest terms.

1780—In Wysox, on the night of April 3, 1780 occurred one of the bravest and most desperate encounters recorded in frontier history. Lieutenant Moses VanCampen, a gallant soldier of the Revolution and Indian fighter, Peter Pence, Abraham Pike and a boy named Rogers, had been captured by the Indians. Upon reaching Wysox, the border of the Indian country, and, deeming themselves safe from pursuit, the Indians relaxed their vigilance over their prisoners and all lay down to sleep, five Indians on each side of the captives. The prisoners were all tightly bound except Rogers, whom the chief took in his arms and covered with his blanket. When all the Indians were sound asleep, a knife which one of them had dropped, was secured and the captives cut loose. VanCampen with tomahawk and Pence with the guns turned upon their captors, killing nine of them; the tenth Indian escaped badly wounded.

In June, 1780, Capt. John Franklin came up the river with five men on a scout. In Wysox he captured four Tories loaded with valuable plunder.

1781—In March, 1781, James Thompson, an early settler of Buffalo Valley, was captured by the Indians and marched over the Lycoming path. One night when near Towanda, he made a dash for liberty and outstripped his pursuers. With 22 grains of corn in his pocket, his only provision, after several days and nights of severest hardships and weak from hunger, he succeeded in reaching his family on the West Branch.

1782—On the 7th of April, 1782, Mrs. Roswell Franklin and four children of Hanover were carried away by the Indians. A party under command of Sergeant Thomas Baldwin went in pursuit. The Indians were overtaken at Lime Hill, this county, on the 14th, when a fierce and desperate conflict ensued. During the engagements Mrs. Franklin was shot and killed by an Indian. Six of the savages were slain and two wounded. Baldwin had two men wounded and succeeded in recovering three of the Franklin children. Mrs. Franklin was the only woman killed by the Indians within Bradford county, and this event was the last important act of the Revolutionary war in the Upper Susquehanna Valley.

County's Patriots Who Fought For Independence.

AFTER peace had been declared, most of the patriot families returned to the wilds of Bradford county, bringing others with them. Men of Sullivan's army, who had been charmed with the bright prospects in this valley also came and selected homes. The Susquehanna Company made renewed efforts and offered extraordinary inducements to settlers, which brought scores of New England families to this territory. From 1783 to 1812 the county become essentially settled by a liberty-loving people. In short, Bradford county was favorite soil, and the asylum of men who had fought for Independence. Indeed, they were almost an army of patriots, who had been in every branch of the service, fought on both land and sea and in nearly every engagement from Lexington to the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. The spirit of liberty implanted by these men will never die. In 1861, when their grandsons were called upon to preserve what their blood and hardships had wrought, the response was quick and generous, 5,000 souls marching forth from Bradford county and demonstrating in a bloody struggle of four years that they were "worthy sons" of "Fathers of the Republic." Following is the proud honor roll of soldiers who went from, or made Bradford county their home after the Revolutionary war.

Albany:	*Cemetery:*
Ephraim Ladd	Northumberland Co., Pa.
Robert Potter	Wilcox.

Mr. Ladd responded to the first Lexington alarm, while Mr. Potter enlisted in one of the first Connecticut companies and served a year. In 1801 Mr. Ladd and his family made the first settlement in Albany.

Asylum:	*Cemetery:*
Richard Benjamin	Storrs farm
Charles Felix BueBoulogne	Old French grounds
Samuel Cole, Sr.	Genesee, N. Y.
Samuel Cole, Jr.	At Wyoming
Samuel Gilbert	Old Gordon

Sartile Holden	Macedonia
Amaziah Ketchum	Removed from county
Samuel Ketchum	Removed from county
Samuel Seeley	Durell
Jabez Sill	Macedonia
Anthony Vanderpool	Ellis Hill
Isaac Wheeler	State of Indiana.

Sartile Holden, a hero of Bunker Hill and Stillwater, died in 1850 at Macedonia, aged 100 years.

Samuel Gilbert (page 234) served as a private from April 15, 1776 to January 14, 1777 in the company of Capt. William Satterlee in Colonel Elmore's battalion, Connecticut troops, also as a private from July 1, 1780 to December 9, 1780 in the 5th Connecticut regiment, commanded by Col. Philip B. Bradly.

Isaac Wheeler served as a drummer five years, also enlisted as a drummer in the War of 1812.

Samuel Seeley served six years, died in 1841, aged 91 years.

Athens:	*Cemetery:*
John Anthony	Not determined
Jonathan Conkling	Old burying ground
Col. John Franklin	Franklin burying ground
Zephon Flower	Franklin burying ground
Alexander Howden	Not determined
Samuel Hulett	Old burying ground
Amos Kinney	Old Chemung cemetery
Elisha Matthewson	Old burying ground
Isaac Morley	Tioga Point
Enoch Paine	Old burying ground
Dr. Amos Prentice	Rest cemetery, Sayre
Elisha Satterlee	Tioga Point
John Shepard	Rest cemetery, Sayre
Jacob Snell	Died away from home
Joseph Spalding	Old burying ground
Ira Stephens	Angelica, N. Y.
Solomon Talladay	Old burying ground
Archelaus Temple	Old burying ground
Julius Tozer	Tioga Point
William Watkins	Greens Landing
11 Sullivan's men	Near Ft. Sullivan

Zephon Flower entered the American army in 1779 under the age

of 14 years and served until the close of the war. He was personally rewarded by General Washington for his fidelity.

Alexander Howden served five years and was in the engagements at Long Island, White Plains, Red Bank, Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth and Newport.

Of three brothers, who fought for Independence, Elisha Matthewson was the only one who escaped with his life. He served 6½ years in the company of Capt. Simon Spalding.

Elisha Satterlee served seven years. He was with Washington at Valley Forge in the memorable winter of 1777–'78 and in Sullivan's expedition against the Indians in 1779.

Ira Stephens, who served six years, was with his command at Valley Forge, through the Sullivan expedition in the battle of Germantown and other important engagements.

Julius Tozer served in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, in the latter, with two of his sons, Guy and Samuel.

Burlington:	*Cemetery:*
Moses Calkins	Hilton
James Campbell	Family plot, homestead
David Campbell	Family plot, homestead
Paul Dewitt	Hilton
James McKean, Sr.	Old grounds, W. Burlington.
Samuel Lamphere	Hilton
Alexander Lane	Luthers Mills
Ephraim Pratt	State of Ohio
Jacob Scouten	Mountain Lake.

James Campbell and three of his sons, David, James and John, fought for Independence.

Paul Dewitt served four years and was in numerous skirmishes with the Indians on the West Branch.

Alexander Lane was in General Montgomery's expedition in Canada and witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga.

Jacob Scouten served in both the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. He died at Mountain Lake in 1842, aged 87 years.

Canton:	*Cemetery:*
Jacob Granteer	Old Canton burial
Samuel Griffin	Old Canton burial
Isaiah Grover	Scioto county, Ohio
Laban Landon	Troy cemetery
Zepheniah Rogers	Probably old Canton burial

Ezra Spalding	Family plot, now Jno. Brown farm
James Sellard	Old Canton burial
Abraham Taber	Not determined
Noah Wilson	Alba

Samuel Griffin served in the war for Indendence, and his son, Samuel in the War of 1812.

Jacob Granteer was a native of Germany, who served with Morgan's famous riflemen.

Ezra Spalding, the first permanent settler of Canton, and Simon Spalding, the first permanent settler of Sheshequin, were distant cousins. Both were zealous patriots in the war for Independence.

Noah Wilson served his country six years on land and sea. He participated in the battle of Bennington and numerous skirmishes in the vicinity of Saratoga and Stillwater. He witnessed the execution of Major Andre.

Columbia:	*Cemetery:*
John Benson	Rutland, Tioga county, Pa.
Obadiah Brown	Not determined
John Budd	Budd farm
Oliver Canfield	Austinville
Ebenezer Cory	Not determined
Asa Howe	Not determined
John McClelland	Columbia X Roads
Jacob Miller	Not determined
Eli Parsons	Troy cemetery
Comfort Peters	Not determined
William Webber	Not determined

John Budd participated in the battle of White Plains and the taking of Ft. Montgomery.

Oliver Canfield served seven years and experienced many hardships.

Asa Howe was a zealous patriot and served four enlistments.

Franklin:	*Cemetery:*
David S. Allen	West Franklin
William French	Old Franklindale
Thomas Smiley	White Deer Valley, Pa.

David S. Allen was one of three brothers who served in the American army. All were present at the Wyoming battle but escaped.

William French served seven years, was with Washington's army

at Valley Forge and in many engagements. Three of his sons, Erastus, James and William B., were soldiers in the War of 1812.

Granville:	*Cemetery:*
Oliver Bailey	Granville Center
Simeon Chesley	Windfall
Jacob Hadley	Not determined
John Putnam	Granville Center
Caleb White	Granville Center
Betsey (Hager) Pratt (page 306)	Vroman Hill

Oliver Bailey served through the old French war, was one of the first to enlist and served throughout the Revolutionary struggle, being in a number of the most important battles.

John Putnam enlisted in 1780 at the age of 13 years and served until the close of the war.

LeRoy:	*Cemetery:*
Isaac Chaapel	LeRoy
John Knapp	Harkness, Springfield twp.
Benjamin Reynolds	Not determined.

Isaac Chaapel fought at the battle of Bunker Hill and served until the close of the war.

Litchfield:	*Cemetery:*
Thomas Park	Park
Silas Wolcott	Park

Thomas Park, the first settler of Litchfield, was a zealous patriot of the Revolution and a heavy loser in the Yankee and Pennamite troubles.

Silas Wolcott had the distinction of being one of Washington's bodyguard during the memorable winter when the American army lay encamped at Valley Forge.

Monroe and Towanda:	*Cemetery:*
Ozias Bingham (p 284)	Riverside
Benjamin Bosworth	Cole's
Henry Cornelius	On place, near Hale's
John Cranmer	Cole's
Noadiah Cranmer	Cole's
James Dickey	Riverside
William Finch	Cole's
Jonathan Fowler	Cole's

Rudolph Fox	Cole's
Andrew Gregg	Riverside
George Head, Sr.	Cole's
Benjamin Lewis	Cole's
Dr. Caleb W. Miles	Oak Hill
Ezra Rutty, Sr.	Riverside
John Schrader	Cole's
Francis Watts	Died away from home
Joshua Wythe	Columbus, Ohio

Henry Cornelius was one of the unfortunates. He was captured at Fort Stanwix and held a prisoner in Canada until the close of the war.

James Dickey entered the American army in 1775 and served three enlistments. He died at Towanda, 1844 in his 89th year.

Dr. Caleb W. Miles, the first resident physician of Towanda, served three years. While fighting desperately at Monmouth he was overcome by the heat and carried from the field.

John Schrader was one of the Hessian soldiers captured at Trenton. He espoused the American cause, joined Pulaski's cavalry and distinguished himself at the battle of Brandywine.

Orwell:	*Cemetery:*
Joel Bronson	Not determined
Ebenezer Chubbuck	Orwell
Joel Cook	Darling
Levi Frisbie	Orwell
John Grant	Orwell
Capt. Josiah Grant	Orwell
Isaac Howe	East Orwell
John Kneeland	Rome
Libbeus Roberts	Woodruff's Corners
Hezekiah Russell	Ransom Corners.

Josiah Grant served with the "Green Mountain Boys." He held a captain's commission in the Continental army in the brigade of his cousin, General Ethan Allen.

John Kneeland served his country both on land and sea. He was captured while a seaman, taken to England and held two years.

Hezekiah Russell fought at the battle of Bunker Hill and served throughout the struggle for Independence.

Pike:	*Cemetery:*
Nathan Bostwick	Probably LeRaysville
James Brink	Not determined

Thomas Brink	Probably LeRaysville
Ephraim Fairchild	Stevensville
Isaac Ford	Probably LeRaysville
Stephen Gregory	Not determined
Elisha Keeler	Stevensville
John Keeler	Stevensville
Amos Northrup	Stevensville
Abraham Taylor	Stevensville
Consider Wood	LeRaysville

Stephen Gregory served in the command of David Wooster and saw that general shot from his horse in the engagement near Danbury, Connecticut.

Consider Wood served three years and participated in the series of engagements, resulting in the capture of Burgoyne.

Ridgebury:	*Cemetery:*
Joseph Batterson	Removed from town
Alpheus Gillett	Old Chemung
Job Stiles	Old Chemung

Joseph Batterson served six years and was in the battles of Germantown, Monmouth and at the capture of Cornwallis. He was one of the first settlers of Ridgebury but left the town in his old age.

Job Stiles served in the American army six years.

Rome:	*Cemetery:*
Reuben Bumpus	Bumpville
Frederick Eiklor	Vicinity Catskill, N. Y.
William Elliott	Elliott Grounds
Thaddeus Hemenway	Bumpville
Henry Lent	Ransom Corners
Nathaniel P. Moody	Osceola, Pa.
Elijah Towner	Towner
Godfrey Vought	Rome

Reuben Bumpus, noted as a hunter, served five enlistments in the American army and participated in the battles of Bennington and Stillwater.

Thaddeus Hemenway served five years and was in the battles of Stillwater, Newport and Lake George.

William Elliott, who fought at the battle of Saratoga, died in Rome in 1847, aged nearly 95 years.

Nathaniel P. Moody, the first settler of Rome, served five years. He participated in the battles of White Plains, Trenton, Germantown.

Monmouth, Stony Point and Yorktown. He spent his last years at Osceola, Pa. where he died in 1832 and is buried. A cenotaph has been erected to his memory in the Rome cemetery.

Elijah Towner served in the American army under Arnold. His son, Gersham Towner, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Godfrey Vought was one of four brothers who fought in many battles for Independence. He died at Rome in 1849, aged 88 years.

Sheshequin:	*Cemetery:*
Christopher Avery	Gore
Samuel Bartlett	Sheshequin
Benjamin Brink	Sheshequin
Timothy Culver	Hornbrook
Jabez Fish	Sheshequin
Stephen Fuller	Sheshequin
Obadiah Gore	Gore
Samuel Gore	Sheshequin
Elijah Horton	Hornbrook
Joseph Kinney	Sheshequin
Jared Norton	Sheshequin
Jeremiah Shaw	Sheshequin
John Spalding	Sheshequin
Gen. Simon Spalding	Sheshequin
Samuel Shores	Post
John C. Vancise	Sheshequin
Moses Woodburn	Macafee farm
Matthew Wright	Joseph Vought farm

Samuel Bartlett was one of the "Green Mountain Boys" and served under Gen. Ethan Allen.

Sergeant Timothy Culver served seven years and suffered prison hardships. He died in 1829, aged 88 years.

Jabez Fish was a member of Captain Bidlack's company and one of its eight survivors at the battle of Wyoming.

Capt. Stephen Fuller, himself an ardent patriot, was the father-in-law of Capt. James Bidlack (killed at Wyoming) and Col. John Franklin.

Obadiah and Samuel Gore had a long and exciting career in the struggle for Independence. They were sons of Obadiah Gore, a self-sacrificing patriot, who sent six sons and two sons-in-law to fight for liberty. Of these, three sons and both sons-in-law fell at the battle of Wyoming.

Capt. Simon Spalding served 6½ years. He was at Valley Forge, participated in the battles of Germantown and Brandywine and had command of Mud Fort on the Delaware during the long continued and severe cannonading of that point by the British. He performed an important part in the Hartley and Sullivan expeditions.

John C. Vancise, who served seven years, fought at Bunker Hill, Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth, crossed the Delaware with Washington and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was wounded at Monmouth. He died in 1849, aged 93 years. His son, Abraham, furnished nine sons who fought for the Union in the Civil War.

Moses Woodburn served on both land and sea, was in a number of engagements and one of the guards that conducted Major Andre to be executed.

Smithfield:	*Cemetery:*
Cromwell Child	Phillips farm
David Forrest	Union cemetery
Arnold Franklin	East Smithfield
Samuel Kellogg	East Smithfield
Ebenezer Pease	East Smithfield
Jared Phelps	East Smithfield
James Satterlee	Allen burying grounds
William Scott	East Smithfield
Nehemiah Tracy	East Smithfield
Samuel Wood	East Smithfield

David Forrest, a pioneer of Smithfield, served three years. He was the father of twelve children. He died in 1835, aged 81 years. One of his grandsons, Dana Forrest, furnished seven sons who fought for the preservation of the Union.

Samuel Kellogg during his service had a personal acquaintance with Washington, whose inauguration he attended at New York in 1789.

Ebenezer Pease while in the service was captured by the Indians and made to run the gauntlet.

Jared Phelps was a Fife Major and served under the immediate command of General Washington from 1777 until the close of the war.

Samuel Wood, who served three enlistments, had the distinction of being personal guard over Major Andre after his capture in conducting him to the headquarters of Colonel Jameson. Mr. Wood was also the father of 21 children.

Arnold Franklin (page 129) in addition to his experiences in Indian captivity, served, 1780 in Capt. John Franklin's Independent Wyoming company.

Springfield:	*Cemetery:*
Oliver Gates	Springfield Center
Joseph Grover	Grover
John Harkness	Harkness
Bela Kent	Grover
Simeon King	Not determined
Ezekiel Leonard	Leona
Benj. McAfee	Leona
Noah Murray	Springfield Center
John Parkhurst	Not determined
Wm. Salisbury	Leona
Samuel Severence	Grover
Joshua Spear	Spear
Nehemiah Wilson	Grover
Mara Sergeant	Leona

Oliver Gates, who participated in the battle of White Plains, had the distinction of serving his country on both land and sea.

Joseph Grover entered the service in July, 1775, and served three enlistments.

Bela Kent served six years. He crossed the Delaware with Washington, was in the battle of Brandywine and spent the memorable winter of 1777-'78 at Valley Forge.

Simeon King served four years and was in the battles of Stillwater and Monmouth. He died in 1844 at Springfield in his 87th year.

Ezekiel Leonard, one of the first pioneers of Springfield was with Gen. Ethan Allen when he surprised the British at Ft. Ticonderoga

Noah Murray who fought for Independence was wounded in battle, subsequently became a noted Universalist minister.

Wm. Salisbury was one of the party who assisted in destroying the tea on British vessels in Boston harbor in 1773. He early joined the patriot army and was in Montgomery's expedition against Canada. He participated in the assault on Quebec, where Montgomery was killed. For many years after the war Mr. Salisbury was a Baptist preacher. He died in 1844, aged 86 years.

Bradford county had her "Molly Pitcher;" yes, and of an earlier period than the heroine of Monmouth. Our heroine is Mara Sergeant, a native of Boston. She witnessed the battle of Bunker Hill, helped care for the wounded, and when other bandages were exhausted took off her

own petticoat and tore it into strips to save the lives of unfortunate soldiers. During the same battle with buckets she carried water from a spring to allay the thirst of the wounded and fighting patriots, and in after years often stated that "bullets fell around her like hailstones." She died at Springfield in 1844, aged 82 years.

Standing Stone:	*Cemetery:*
Henry Birney	Died in Ohio
Lemuel Fitch	Died in captivity
Robt. Fitzgerald	Huyck grounds
Samuel D. Goff	Died, 1823 in Standing Stone
Wm. Huyck	Huyck grounds
Peter Miller	Not determined
Jonathan Stevens	Stevens cemetery
Cherick Westbrook	Not determined
John Wood	Standing Stone

Henry Birney, a native of Ireland, was one of the first settlers of Standing Stone. He served nearly throughout the Revolutionary war, returned to Standing Stone and sold out in 1812, going to Ohio, where he died at an advanced age.

Robert Fitzgerald and Wm. Huyck were at the battle of Wyoming and the next year in the Sullivan expedition against the Indians – in a measure squaring accounts with the savages for their loss of property in 1777.

Jonathan Stevens, for half a century surveyor and associate judge, served 3½ years in the American army. His father, Asa Stevens, an ardent patriot, was killed at the battle of Wyoming.

John Wood served different enlistments with the New Jersey troops and was in a number of engagements

Terry:	*Cemetery:*
Oliver Dodge	Dodge farm
John Horton	Terrytown
Jonathan Terry	Terrytown

Oliver Dodge was an ardent patriot, and one of five of the name, who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill.

John Horton, the leading spirit in the Terrytown settlement, when but a boy, served as a teamster in the Revolutionary war.

Troy:	*Cemetery:*
Seth Adams	Troy
Nathaniel Allen	East Troy
Solomon Morse	Troy

Israel Pierce	Troy
John Preston	Hunt cemetery
Elisha Rich	Troy
John Wilber	Troy

John Preston served five years. He died at Troy in 1849 in his 89th year.

Elisha Rich, a pioneer of Troy, who fought for Independence, was one of the first Baptist preachers in this section of country.

John Wilber was a soldier in the war for Independence and his son, Hon. Reuben Wilber, in the war of 1812. The former died at the age of 86 years and the latter in his 97th year

Tuscarora:	*Cemetery:*
James Hogeboom	Spring Hill
Jacob Huff	Probably Spring Hill
Reuben Shumway	Spring Hill

Jacob Huff was a German who fought for Independence. He participated in the battles of Long Island, White Plains and Brandywine. He died at Spring Hill in 1832, aged 81 years.

Reuben Shumway was one of the trusted soldiers who stood guard over Major Andre. On another occasion, when it was deemed necessary that he should perform picket duty at a place where several soldiers preceding him had been shot, he said to the officer in charge, "you will hear my gun before morning." That night an Indian covered with a hog skin, cautiously approached the sentry, a gun cracked and a dead Indian was found the next morning.

Ulster:	*Cemetery:*
Benj. Clark	Ulster
Wm. Curry	Milan
Daniel Minier	Died away from home
Abram Parmenter	Removed to Ohio
John Pierce	Milan
Stephen Powell	Milan
Adrial Simons	Ulster
Christopher Simonson	Ulster
Joseph Smith	Milan
Lockwood Smith	Milan
Solomon Tracy	Canandaigua, N. Y.
John Vandyke	Ulster
Leonard Westbrook	Removed from town
Dr. Joseph Westcoat	Danbury, N. Y.

Abram Parmeter as a boy fought at the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga. He married in Ulster and removed to Ohio in 1813.

Solomon Tracy served in the American army three years. He settled at Ulster in 1787, remaining until 1809 when he moved to New York state and died at Canandaigua.

Benj. Clark served seven years taking an active part in the Sullivan campaign against the Indians in 1779. He died at Ulster in 1834, aged 87 years.

William Curry, one of the earliest settlers of Ulster, served in both the war for Independence and the War of 1812, in the latter with his son, William. He died at Milan in 1844, aged nearly 96 years.

Stephen Powell served in the American army six years and lost a leg at the battle of the Cow-pens.

Adrial Simons served three years, was captured and confined in the prison ships on Long Island Sound, where he suffered untold hardships from confinement, hunger, cold and filth.

Joseph and Lockwood Smith, brothers, both of whom fought for Independence and were among the first settlers of Ulster, lie in unknown and unmarked graves in the Milan cemetery.

Warren:	*Cemetery:*
Christopher Avery	Not determined
Preserved Buffington	Not determined
Clement Corbin	Warren Heights
Asa Hickok	Cadis
Joseph Lamoreaux	Not determined
Robert Sleeper	Not determined
Abraham Whitaker	Not determined.

Wells:	*Cemetery:*
William Carr	Not determined
Richard Cooper	Not determined
Solomon Judson	Roy farm
Reuben Rowlee	Wells
Thomas Warner	Coryland

Reuben Rowlee served with the "Green Mountain Boys" under Col. Seth Warner.

Wilmot:	*Cemetery:*
Daniel Howie	Quick's Bend
James Quick	Quick's Bend

Windham:	*Cemetery:*
Jeptha Brainard	Windham
Isaac Bronson	Babcock Hill
Joseph Gibbs	Windham Summit
Samuel Dunham.	Windham
Thomas Fox	Wickham farm
John Plum	Babcock Hill
John Russell	Windham
Stratton Sherwood	Cadis
Silas Washburn	Windham

Jeptha Brainard served seven years.

Isaac Bronson, who crossed the Delaware with Washington and was in the battle of Trenton and served nearly throughout the war, died at Windham in 1853 in his 96th year.

Samuel Dunham served five enlistments, was taken prisoner by the British at Ft. Ann and held until the close of the war.

Stratton Sherwood served throughout the Revolutionary war. He died at Windham in 1848 in his 97th year.

John Russell entered the service as a drummer. He fought at the battles of Bunker Hill, White Plains and Long Island, being wounded in the last named engagement.

Wyalusing:	*Cemetery:*
Dr. Ebenezer Beeman	Merryall
Robert Carr	Killed by Indians
Job Camp	Merryall
William Dalton	Merryall
James B. Decker	Taghkanick, N. Y.
Henry Elliott	Merryall
Joseph Elliott	Merryall
Ambrose Gaylord	Wyoming county, Pa.
Justus Gaylord, Jr.	Wyalusing
Samuel Gordon	Wyalusing
Jonas Ingham	Bloomsburg, N. J.
Nathan Kingsley	State of Ohio
Thomas Lewis	Merryall
Simeon Marsh	State of Ohio
Miner Robbins	Killed during war
Stephen Skiff	Removed from town
Samuel Starks	Probably Wyalusing
Job Turrell	Not determined
Ephraim Tyler	Susquehanna Co., Pa.

Richard Vaughan	Wyalusing
Nathan Winton	Removed from town
James Wells	Killed at Wyoming
James Wells, Jr.	New York state
2 Sullivan's men	Near Kingsley house.

James B. Decker, who was a Revolutionary pensioner and lived in Wyalusing until after 1840, died, 1851 at Taghkanick, N. Y. in his 101st year.

Henry Elliott (page 122) though an old man served, 1780, in Capt. John Franklin's Independent Wyoming Company. He was the father of Jabez and Joseph, the former killed by the Indians at Queen Esther's flats during the Sullivan expedition, and the latter, known as the "Indian fighter," distinguished for his bravery and as one of the two that escaped from the fatal ring at Bloody Rock after being captured at Wyoming.

Thomas Lewis participated in the battle of Ticonderoga, was in the Canadian expedition under Montgomery and later at the engagement near Danbury, caught General Wooster as he was falling, shot from his horse.

Wysox:	*Cemetery:*
Jesse Allen	Pond Hill
Stephen O. Allen	Pond Hill
Jedediah Atwood	Not determined
Silas Bardwell	Crawford place
Wilbur Bennett	Wysox
Moses Coolbaugh	Wysox
Isaac Custer	Wysox
James Drake	Pond Hill
Nathaniel Heacock	State of Indiana
John Lent	Pond Hill
Ralph Martin	Wysox
Amos Mix	Wysox
John Parks	Woodburn
Asahel ("Sale") Roberts	Died at Breakneck
Garrett Shoemaker (page 200)	Removed from town
Stephen Strickland, Sr.	Died away from home
Sebastian Strope	Wysox
Daniel Vargeson	Pine Creek, Pa.
Elisha Whitney	Wysox
Samuel Woodruff	Wysox

Jesse Allen was in the expedition under Montgomery and stood

within a few feet of that officer when he fell at Quebec. He subsequently served in the army of General Clinton and was in a number of engagements and skirmishes with the Indians. He witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis.

Amos Mix served throughout the Revolutionary war and was one of the patriots who crossed the Delaware with Washington on Christmas night, 1776. He died in 1847 in his 94th year.

Asahel ("Sale") Roberts (page 138) was a member of Capt. John Franklin's Independent Wyoming Company, 1780. He died in the Breakneck neighborhood but the place of his burial is not known.

Samuel Woodruff was early in the field and as the exigency demanded served ten enlistments before the close of the war.

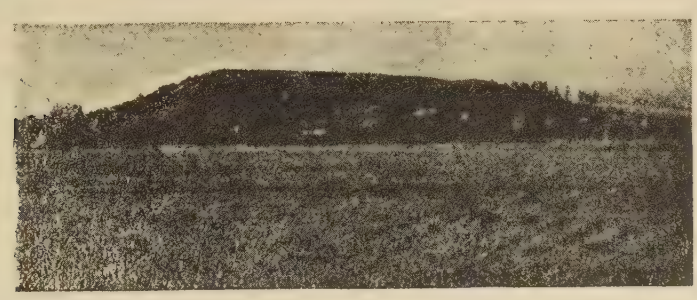
Elisha Whitney was one of Capt. Ebenezer Mason's "minute men" and marched at the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775.

Others—This long list of 280 names is not the extent of the Revolutionary soldiers buried in Bradford county. Jabez Baldwin, Nehemiah Curtis, Solomon Goff, Valentine Miller and others who were residing in the county and drawing pensions, we have been unable to locate.

Bradford County Chronology.

1615--1800.

THE *first white man* (1615) to visit what is now Bradford county was Stephen Brule', a Frenchman, who was an explorer and interpreter for Samuel Champlain. Champlain had secured the friendship of the *Hurons* who occupied the territory adjoining lakes Huron and Erie. The *Carantouannais* were the allies of the Hurons. The country of this people was the upper waters of the Susquehanna. Their principal town, Carantouan, was located at what is known as Spanish Hill, just above the present



village of Sayre. It was palisaded and contained 800 warriors. In 1615 Brule' was sent with twelve Hurons to arrange with the Carantouannais for a force of 500 warriors to co-operate with Champlain and the Hurons in an attack upon the Onondaga stronghold. They reached Carantouan the latter part of September, where they were "welcomed with great joy, being entertained by banquets and dances for some days." After the expedition Brule' returned to Carantouan and explored the surrounding country. The next year (1616) he went down the Susquehanna to the sea, being the first white man ever to perform this journey, and is believed, was the first white man to set foot upon the soil of Pennsylvania. Brule"s life for twenty-four years among the Indians was full of thrilling interest. Finally, he was treacherously murdered by the Hurons who feasted upon his remains.

1723—*Emigration*—From the time of Brule', so far as we have any record, it was more than a hundred years before the next white man passed down the Susquehanna Valley. The sufferings of the German Palatinates having been related to Governor Keith, his interest and sympathy were at once aroused. He offered them a home in Pennsylvania where their titles could be clear and their land free from Indian claims. Accordingly in the spring of 1723, thirty-three families prepared to make the trip from the Schoharie Valley. With their meager household goods packed on horses and on their own backs, over mountains, valleys and through forests, they reached the headwaters of the Susquehanna. Here they constructed rafts upon which they placed their women and children and under the most thrilling and adventurous experiences, floated down the river about 200 miles to the mouth of Swarta Creek below Harrisburg. Here they met the men who drove the cattle and horses along the river bank, then proceeded to the Tulpehocken Valley in Berks county, where they formed a settlement. During the six years following a large number of other Palatinates from Schoharie came down the Susquehanna and joined their friends at Tulpehocken. While these people did not locate in Bradford county, the route opened by them brought into the county its first settlers.

1737—*Mission Among Indians*—Governor Gooch of Virginia desired the province of Pennsylvania to mediate between the Six Nations and Southern Indians. Conrad Weiser was selected to perform this mission. He started on his journey with a German companion, Stoffel Stump, and an Indian guide, reaching the county by the way of the Loyalsock. Crossing the divide they came down Sugar Creek, arriving at the Indian village in North Towanda, March 29, 1737. Here and at Tioga Point they found the Indians on the verge of starvation. Their own provisions were exhausted, but a small supply was secured and they proceeded on their mission. The journey was one of severest hardships through a dense wilderness of 500 miles. It should be stated, however, that this was not Weiser's first visit among the Indians in this section, as he himself says, "I was here twelve years before" (1725).

1743—*Visit By Men of Science*—In July, 1743, Conrad Weiser was sent again to Onondaga with a message from the Governor of Virginia to arrange a place of meeting with the Six Nations to form a treaty in regard to disputed lands. He was accompanied on this expedition by John Bartram, a celebrated English traveler and botanist, Lewis Evans, geographer for the proprietaries of Pennsylvania, and Indian guides. The trip was made on horseback from Philadelphia. The party enter-

ed the county by the Lycoming route, encountering many difficulties in their passage through the wilderness. A stop was made at the Indian village at Tioga Point. Here, as at other points, observations and examinations were made by Bartram and Evans, who were the first men of science to visit this section, and the journey, the first one, made across the county on horseback.

1745—*On Indian Mission*—In June, 1745, Spangenburg and Zeisberger passed through the county and the Indian villages at North Towanda and Tioga Point on their journey to the capital of the *Iroquois* confederacy, a journey for both political and religious purposes. They were accompanied by Weiser, Shikellimy, a *Cayuga* sachem, and the *Iroquois* viceroy at Shamokin, one of his sons and Andrew Montour. Their object was to induce the Six Nations to conclude a peace with the *Catawbas*, to make satisfaction for murders perpetrated by the *Shawanese* and to obtain permission for the Christian Indians to begin a setment at Wyoming. At this time but few Indians were observed at Oscalui (North Towanda); but they found many pictured trees about the place, it being on the great war-path. War parties were, in this way, accustomed to record the results of their campaigns. The bark was peeled off one side of the tree and on this were painted certain characters by which they understood from what tribe and of how many the war-party consisted, against what tribe they had fought how many scalps and prisoners they had taken and how many men they had lost.

1750—*Missionaries on Journey*—In the spring of 1750, Cammerhoff, a bishop in the Moravian church, in company with Zeisberger, passed up the Susquehanna from Wyoming to Tioga en route for Onondaga in order to negotiate with the Great Council for the establishment of a mission among the *Iroquois*. They were accompanied by a *Cayuga* chief and his family. When the party reached the vicinity of Wyalusing, the remains of an old town were still visible, which the *Cayuga* said was called "Go-hon-to-to," inhabited by Andastes upon whom the Five Nations made war and wholly exterminated them—the greater part being slain, a few only being taken captive and adopted by some of the families of the Cayugas.

1752—March 11, Northampton county (which included Bradford) constituted by Act of the Provincial Council.

1752—*Indian Town Re-established*—In 1752, Papunhank, a *Monsey* chief of some note from the Minisink country, with a number of families, came to Wyalusing and built a new town a little below the site of the old Gohontoto.

1754—All that part of Bradford county from a line 10 miles east

of the Susquehanna river was contained in the Susquehanna Company's Indian purchase at Albany in 1754; the balance of the county's territory was within the Delaware Company's Indian purchase also of 1754.

1756—*Treaty with Indians*—Diahoga (Athens) like Easton was favorite treaty ground, and many important councils and treaties were held there with the Indians. In 1756 Governor Morris sent Captain Newcastle (an Indian adopted by Morris) with a message and to treat with a number of Indian chiefs at Athens. The meeting was an important one and a treaty effected. The next year and frequently thereafter representatives of the proprietary government met the Indians at Athens on various missions.

1756—*First Military Expedition*—The French expedition of 1756 against Fort Augusta (Sunbury) "returned to Canada by way of the Indian trail up Lycoming creek." This evidently was the first military force ever to pass through Bradford county, as the old Indian trail from the headwaters of Lycoming creek passed down Towanda creek, thence northward to Tioga Point on the line of the great trail to Canada.

1756—The first known white person to have died within Bradford county was Susanna Nitchsman, a Moravian girl of Mahoning, who after being captured by the Indians, was carried captive to Tioga Point. Here she died in May, 1756.

1760—On May 20, Christian Frederick Post, one of the most zealous missionaries, on his way to attend a council of the Western Indians, spent a night in the Indian town at Wyalusing and preached to the Indians in their own language. This is regarded as *the first gospel sermon* ever heard in the Susquehanna valley above Wyoming.

1763—May 23-27, Zeisberger preaches and labors among the Wyalusing Indians; in June, Zeisberger and John Woolman (a Quaker evangelist) preach to them; council select Zeisberger as teacher; June 20th, *Papunhank*, the Indian chief, *was baptized* by Zeisberger and named John. This was the first time this holy ordinance was ever administered in the county.

1765—*Moravian Mission Established*—After the interruption caused by Pontiac's war, the Christian Indians returned to Wyalusing in May, 1765. They were accompanied by Zeisberger and Schmick (another missionary) and Schmick's wife, who were to remain with them and be their resident religious instructors. Log cabins, bark-covered huts, a commodious meeting-house and mission-house of unhewn logs were erected. At the close of the year there were connected with the mission 146 souls of whom 33 were communicants. In 1767 the town was

rebuilt on higher ground under the supervision of the Moravian missionaries and the name changed to *Friedenshutten*, signifying "huts of peace." It consisted of 29 log houses, 13 huts and 7 stables for horses, besides a new church, 24x32 feet, constructed of squared white pine timber, with shingled roof and glazed windows, surmounted by a cupola containing a bell. The mission Indians had several hundred acres cleared on which they raised corn, oats, other grains, hay and vegetables; also had started a peach and apple orchard and owned horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and fowls. They were industrious, rich, contented and happy, except for the fear they might be obliged to leave their homes at the command of the Six Nations, the Connecticut people or the Governor of Pennsylvania. During the continuance of the mission 139 had been baptized and 7 couples married, the first of whom were two converts, named Thomas and Rachel, Dec. 23, 1766, *the first Christian marriage* celebrated within the county; in June, 1772 all (211 including those from Sheshequin) removed to the Tuscaroras Valley in Ohio.

1765—*The first trading post* in Bradford county was established at Ulster by John Anderson and the Ogdens as early as May, 1765. For the next four or five years he and the Ogdens from Wyoming, made two trips each year, visiting the villages on the Susquehanna, buying peltry of the Indians, or exchanging for rifles, ammunition, trinkets and rum.

1766—*Ulster Mission*—Soon after the close of Pontiac's war, *Echgohund* with a few Monsey families, settled at the mouth of Cash creek in the present village of Ulster. This being but a day's journey by water from Wyalusing, the inhabitants of one town were frequent visitors at the other. From the first Echgohund, the chief, manifested deep interest in the success of the mission. On his return from Cayuga town, Zeisberger tarried here over night, May 4, 1766, and at the request of the Indians preached to quite a company of them, who gathered at the lodge where he stopped; John Ettwein, Zeisberger and Sensemann visit them and hold religious services May 10-12, 1768. John Roth was appointed to the Sheshequin (Ulster) mission, arrived February 4, 1769 and preached his first discourse the following day. From this time religious services were maintained with great regularity, morning and evening of each day. For the first year the congregation repaired to Friedenshutten for the sacraments and festivals of the church, Ulster being regarded as only an outlying station of the Wyalusing mission. February 16, 1769, missionary's house erected of squared pine logs This served also for a church until July of the next year (1770), when

a chapel was erected, surmounted by a cupola containing a bell. The mission continued to increase in numbers and usefulness until the migration (1772 with those at Wyalusing) at which time it numbered 60 souls.

1768—*Treaty at Fort Stanwix*, November 5, 1768, at which time the proprietaries of Pennsylvania effected a purchase from the Six Nations of a tract of land, beginning at Owego, thence following the left bank of the Susquehanna as far as the mouth of Towanda creek, thence up the Towanda, along the Burnett hills, down Pine creek to the West Branch and across to the Ohio. (It included a large part of Bradford county). "This was called the new purchase and opened a wide field of adventure to the hardy pioneers of Pennsylvania. It was a vast school, too; in which some of the bravest soldiers of the subsequent wars were reared."

1769—Replying to the petition of John Papunhank and Joshua, the Mohican, in behalf of themselves and their friends at Wyalusing, John Penn, acting governor, under date of June 21, 1769, says: "One thing I must tell you, that I expect you will not give encouragement to the New England people who have taken possession of the proprietaries' land at Wiawamack (Wyoming). If you expect to be protected by this government, you must not encourage the New England people, who are endeavoring to take the land from the Proprietaries."

1770—In May, Rudolph Fox, the first permanent settler within Bradford county, pitched his cabin near the mouth of Towanda creek. His daughter, Elizabeth, born Sept. 1, 1770, was the first white child to see the light in the county.

1771—On May 28, the Susquehanna rose to an unprecidented height, inundating both the towns at Sheshequin and Wyalusing. At the latter place great damage was done by the water sweeping off fences and stock. At Sheshequin (Ulster) the inhabitants were compelled to take to their canoes and retire to the wooded heights back of the town.

1772—March 21, Northumberland county (which included Bradford) constituted by Act of the Provincial Council.

1772—Missions abandoned at Wyalusing and Ulster; two white families in the county, Rudolph Fox at Towanda and Peter Shufeldt in Asylum.

1773—Stropes and VanValkenburgs locate first (May, 1773) at Indian Meadows in Wyalusing, and permanently, 1776, in Wysox.

1774—This year, Connecticut formally assumed jurisdiction over the *disputed territory* (which included Bradford county), by organizing

the town of Westmoreland and attaching it to the county of Litchfield.

1774—Connecticut surveys begun by Samuel Gordon, surveying the first of the Susquehanna Company's townships in Bradford county, being the *Long Township*, extending south from Standing Stone 30 miles down the river.

1774—James Wells and Amos York, the first settlers to locate in Wyalusing, under Connecticut title.

1774—Benjamin Budd locates and makes the first improvement in Terry.

1774—Lemuel Fitch and Anthony Rummerfield, the first settlers in Standing Stone.

1775—Joseph Wharton, the first settler of Tuscarora, under Pennsylvania title.

1775—Samuel Cole and sons make the first permanent settlement in Asylum.

1775—During this year and the next, a considerable number of Connecticut people, Loyalists and Squatters locate along the river.

1776—War retards settlement; a number of inhabitants join the American army.

1777—March, Rudolph Fox of Towanda carried into captivity by the Indians.

1777—December 6, Indians and refugees plunder the house of Robert Fitzgerald in Standing Stone and drive off his stock.

1777—December, Colonel Dorrance's expedition into the county after Tories.

1778—January, Lemuel Fitch of Standing Stone taken to Canada by the Indians.

1778—February 14, Indians and Tories plunder the home of Amos York at Wyalusing, drive off his stock and take him into captivity.

1778—March, Nathan Kingsley of Wyalusing taken to Canada by the Indians.

1778—May 20, Indians surprise the Stropes and VanValkenburgs of Wysox, burn their house, drive off stock and take both families into captivity.

1778—September, Col. Thomas Hartley with a force of 200 men fights Indians and destroys their towns in Bradford county.

1779—August, General Sullivan crosses the county in his notable campaign against the Six Nations.

1779—*The first English sermons* preached in Bradford county were at Tioga Point by Rev. Wm. Rogers, a Baptist chaplain in Sullivan's army. Seven soldiers had been killed in the engagement at "Hogback

Hill." Their bodies were brought back to camp and buried (August 14) with military honors together with "a funeral oration and prayer" by Parson Rogers. While waiting at Tioga Point, Dr. Rogers also delivered (August 18) a discourse in Masonic form on the death of Captain Davis and Lieutenant Jones, Freemasons, who had been killed near Wilkes-Barre. "General Sullivan and family, General Maxwell and family, the 11th Penna. regiment artillery, members of Lodge No. 19 and many other gentlemen of the army were present."

1779—County became depopulated. Owing to the various hostile movements from 1779 to 1783 there was left neither Whig, Tory nor Indian within the bounds of the county.

1780—April 3, Moses VanCampen and companions at Wysox turn upon their Indian captors, slay them and escape.

1781—March, James Thompson of Buffalo Valley makes thrilling escape at Towanda from Indians.

1782—April 14, desperate engagement at Lime Hill between the Franklin rescuing party and Indians; Mrs. Roswell Franklin killed.

1782—*The Trenton Decree*—In 1779 the Assembly of Pennsylvania passed an Act, assuming to itself the jurisdiction over the entire country granted to Penn, the Commonwealth thus becoming a party to the controversy with Connecticut. The Supreme Executive Council petitioned Congress in November, 1781, stating the matter in dispute between the two states and praying for a court to be constituted to hear and issue the case. In August, 1782, it was announced that commissioners had been mutually agreed upon by the delegates of the respective states. Each party having been duly notified, the Court commenced its sessions at Trenton, N. J. Nov. 12, 1782. The proofs having been offered and the various points agreed, the court after passing a resolution to give no reasons for their decision and that the minority should agree to make the judgment unanimous, published December 30, 1782, the following decision: "We are unanimously of the opinion that Connecticut has no right to the lands in controversy. We are unanimously of the opinion that the jurisdiction and pre-emption of all territory lying within the charter of Pennsylvania, and now claimed by Connecticut, do and of right belong to the state of Pennsylvania." This decision became historic as the Trenton Decree. Prior to the decree four townships, Springfield, Standing Stone, Claverack and Ulster, in Bradford county, had been granted by the Susquehanna Company.

1783—May 30, Gen. Simon Spalding and little band of patriots make the first settlement in Sheshequin.

1783—The first store in the county opened at Tioga Point by Matthias Hollenback.

1783—Benjamin Patterson, the first settler in Athens, the first permanent settler being Jacob Snell in 1784.

1783—April, Stoke township (which included Bradford county) of Northumberland county formed.

1784—In the spring of 1784 occurred the notable *Ice Flood*. The damage was particularly severe in the Wyoming Valley. "The breaking up of the Susquehanna river on the 15th of March, greatly distressed the inhabitants who had built their houses on the lowlands near the banks of the river. The uncommon rain and large quantities of snow on the mountains together with the amazing quantity of ice in the river, occasioned by the uncommon inclemency of the winter season, swelled the streams to an unusual height—ten and in many places twenty feet higher than it had ever been known since the settlement of the country. Horses, cattle and other effects of the settlers were swept down with the torrent and forever lost."

1784—All that part of Bradford county, north of Towanda creek and west of the Susquehanna river was included in the purchase made October 23, 1784 of the Six Nations at Fort Stanwix by Pennsylvania.

1785—Ezra Rutty, Abial Foster, Rufus Foster, Jonas Smith and Nathan Smith, the first permanent settlers on Sugar Creek in North Towanda.

1785—Benjamin Clark and Adrial Simons, the first permanent settlers in Ulster.

1786—Thomas Keeney, the first permanent settler in Wilmot.

1786—September 25, Luzerne county (which included Bradford) created by Act of Assembly.

1786—The oldest town in the county is Athens. A survey and plan of the town was made by surveyors of the Susquehanna Company in 1786—the one after which the village was built.

1786—Early in October, when the crops of corn and pumpkins were still on the ground, continuous rains produced a freshet which had seldom been equalled. Crops were swept away and the bosom of the river was covered with floating pumpkins. The loss was severely felt and many cattle died the succeeding winter for want of sustenance. For years this freshet was designated by the old inhabitants as the *Pumpkin Flood*.

1786-'87 - The first grist-mill in the county was put up on Cayuta creek in Athens township in 1786-'87 by Prince Bryant. It was known long afterwards as Shepard's mill.

1786-'87—The parallel of 42° north latitude marks the Northern Boundary of Bradford county and the State. The survey establishing this line was made in 1786 and 1787.

1787—Jonathan Terry, the first permanent settler in Terry township.

1787—March 28, the Pennsylvania Assembly passed what was called the *Confirming Law*, in which it was provided, "that all rights or lots lying within the county of Luzerne, which were occupied or acquired by Connecticut claimants who were actual settlers there at or before the termination of the claim of the state of Connecticut by the Trenton Decree, and which rights or lots were particularly assigned to the said settlers prior to the said decree, agreeably to the regulations then in force among them, be and they are hereby confirmed to them, their heirs and assigns." Provision was also made for compensating the Pennsylvania claimants out of the unappropriated lands of the Commonwealth. The Confirming Law was suspended March 29, 1788 and finally repealed April 1, 1790 by the legislature.

1788—Thomas Park, the first permanent settler in Litchfield.

1788—The first houses of public entertainment in the county were kept by Isaac Hancock, who was licensed a "taverner" for Springfield (Wyalusing) and Thomas McClure for Tioga (Athens) in 1788.

1789—Samuel Cranmer, the first permanent settler of Monroe.

1789—*Public Roads* —As early as 1788 the settlers sent petitions to the court of Luzerne county, setting forth that public roads were necessary in various districts and asked that action be taken in relation to the same. The first petition on which action was taken by the court was for a "Road from Wysox to Tioga," presented at June sessions, 1789. Commissioners appointed, report at March sessions, 1790 that "they have viewed and laid out said road." This road had the general course of the Sullivan road (1779).

1790—James Rockwell, the first permanent settler in Pike.

1790—March, Wyalusing township and Tioga township formed from Stoke.

1790—*The most celebrated Indian treaty* within Bradford county was that held at Tioga Point, November 16-23, 1790. The nations present, either collectively or by representation, were the Senecas, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas, Chippewas, and Stockbridge Indians. The chiefs who took the most active part in the council were Red Jacket, Farmer's Brother, Little Billy, Captain Hendricks. Aupaumut, Fish Carrier, Good Peter and Big Tree. The United States government was represented by Col. Timothy Pickering, as Commissioner. He

was a distinguished soldier of the Revolution and afterwards Postmaster General, Secretary of War, Secretary of State and U. S. Senator. Thomas Morris, son of Robert Morris, "the financier of the Revolution," was present on the occasion and adopted into the Seneca nation as sachem *Otetiani*.

1790—200 families living in Bradford county; population, 1100.

1790—First improvements made in Burlington and settled, 1791 by Abraham DeWitt, Isaac DeWitt, James McKean and William Dobbins.

1791—June 9, Col. Arthur Erwin shot and killed, while sitting in the house of Daniel McDuffee at Athens, by a dastardly villian, supposed to be an ejected squatter.

1791—*The first church organization* in Bradford county was the "Church of Christ at Wysox on the Susquehanna river in the State of Pennsylvania." It was organized October 3, 1791 at the house of Jehial Franklin in Wysox. The original members were Isaac Foster, Jonas Smith, Wm. Coolbaugh, Daniel Guthrey, Huldah Hickok and Rufus Foster, all of whom "entered into a solemn covenant with God and with one another by signing their names to a solemn covenant, as in the presence and fear of God." Rev. Jabez Culver was present and officiated. At the same meeting, Jehial Franklin, E. M. Franklin, John Newell, Jonathan Arnold Franklin, Abigail Franklin, Nathan Smith and James Lewis were "received by vote into full communion with the church."

1792—Rev. John Smith, the first settler in Wells township.

1792—First improvement made in Smithfield by Isaiah Grover, the first permanent settler being Reuben Mitchell in 1794.

1793—June 30, *the first Presbyterian* church in the county, organized in a log school house at Wyalusing by Rev. Ira Condit. The organization consisted of the following thirteen members: Uriah Terry, Lucretia York, Justus Gaylord, Jr., his wife, Lucretia, Zachariah Price, his wife, Ruth, Mary Lewis, Abigail Wells, Sarah Rockwell, Anna Camp, James Lake, Thomas Oviatt and Hannah Beckwith. Uriah Terry was at the same time ordained and installed Ruling Elder.

1794—French refugees arrive at their new home in Asylum.

1794—Daniel Wilcox and sons, the first settlers in Franklin.

1794—In March, *a terrific windstorm*, or hurricane, swept through the southwestern part of the county and in the path of a mile in width, left scarcely a tree standing.

1795—February 18, a *large and enthusiastic meeting* of the Susquehanna proprietors (reported at more than 1200) was held at Athens, at

which, it was resolved to take vigorous measures to prosecute the claims of the company; "to prevent any ill-disposed person, without due authority, unlawfully intruding upon, surveying or attempting to seize and settle any of the aforesaid lands; afford a just protection to the property of the real owners and such settlers as enter on the same land peaceably, in due course of law and under real proprietors thereof, being fully determined, in a constitutional and legal manner only, to maintain and defend the title and claim which the aforesaid company have to the aforesaid lands; and also to recover such parts thereof as are possessed in opposition thereto."

1795—April, Wysox township formed from Tioga.

1795—Nathaniel Allen, the first permanent settler of Troy township.

1795—The first improvements made in Canton by Jonas Gere and Jonathan Prosser, the first permanent settler being Ezra Spalding in 1796.

1795—Hugh and Sterling Holcomb, the first permanent settlers in LeRoy.

1795—Duke Liancourt, a celebrated French traveller, and Talleyrand, the famous French diplomatist, visit the colony at Asylum.

1795—April 11, the *Intrusion Law* passed by the legislature, inflicting heavy fines and imprisonment upon any convicted of taking possession of, entering, intruding or settling "on any lands within the limits of the counties of Northampton, Northumberland or Luzerne, by virtue or under color of any conveyance of half-share right, or any other pretended title not derived from the authority of this commonwealth, or the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania before the Revolution," making it a crime to combine or conspire to convey, possess or settle any such lands under any half-share right, but excepting the land within the seventeen townships.

1796—Dan Russell and Francis Mesusan, the first settlers in Orwell, the former, permanent.

1796—Louis Philippe, afterwards King of France, spends a week at Asylum.

1796—By the close of this year, nearly every foot of land in Bradford county was held by both Susquehanna Company rights and Pennsylvania warrants.

1796—The oldest secret society in the county is Rural Amity Lodge, No. 70, Free and Accepted Masons; chartered July 6, 1796 and instituted May 21, 1798 at the house of George Welles at Tioga Point (Athens).

1796—First public road built up Towanda creek, from Silas Scovell's to Daniel Wilcox's in Franklin; extended to Canton, 1798.

1797—Nathaniel P. Moody, the first settler in Rome township.

1797—William Arnold, James Bowen and William Harding, the first settlers in Warren.

1797—January, Athens township and Ulster township formed by the division of Tioga.

1798-'99—The first public road up Sugar creek, from the river to Thomas Barber's, built 1798-'99.

1799—Jeremiah Taylor, the first setttler in Granville.

1799—Nathaniel Morgan, Eli Parsons and Eli Parsons, Jr., the first permanent settlers of Columbia.

1799—By Act of April 4, commonly called the *Compensation Law*, commissioners were appointed to ascertain the quality, quantity and situation of lands in the seventeen townships held by Pennsylvania claimants before the Trenton decree, to divide the land into four classes and affix the value of each class. To lands of the first class a sum not exceeding $5 per acre; the second class $3; the third class $1.50; the fourth class 25 cents per acre, for which certificates were given on the release of the title to the State, receivable as specie at the land-office; no certificates were to issue until 40,000 acres were thus released and till Connecticut claimants to that amount under their hands and seals agreed to abide by the decision of the Commissioners. All disputes between Pennsylvania claimants were to be decided in the usual way, by the boards of property, from which an appeal could be taken to the courts.

1800—First post-offices established in the county at Wyalusing and Athens. The mail was brought in by carriers on foot from Wilkes-Barre, once in two weeks.

1800—Population of Bradford county, 3,500.

Local Government.

For twenty-five years before the organization of Bradford county, the local government of the Northern townships of Luzerne was in the hands of officers, appointed by the Court, except justices-of-the-peace who were appointed by the Governor. Assessors and tax collectors were appointed by the County Commissioners. The constable was the most important officer in the new townships. His bailiwick embraced a great scope of country and each constable was responsible for the peace and order in his district. He was required to go to Wilkes-Barre,

the county seat, a distance of 70 miles to make report to court. If he failed to do so, the court imposed a fine of not less than $4 and sometimes the penalty imposed was $8. Officers for the several districts were appointed as follows:

Constables

Wyalusing (or Springfield):

1788 Oliver Dodge
1789 Joseph Elliott
1790 Justus Gaylord, Jr.
1792 Wareham Kingsley
1794 Judah Benjamin
1795 Daniel Turrell
1796 Stephen Beckwith
1797 Wareham Kingsley
1798-'9 Guy Wells
1800 Jesse Ross
1801-'5 Reuben Wells
1806 James Lewis
1807-'9 John Taylor
1810 Jonas Ingham, Jr.
1811 Justus Lewis
1812 Benjamin Aekley

Tioga (or Athens):

1789-'90 Benedict Satterlee
1791 John Wilson
1792 Wm. Spalding, Benedict Satterlee
1795 Josiah Marshall, Benedict Satterlee
1796 Avery Gore, Ira Stephens
1797 John Spalding
1798 Elias Satterlee
1799 John Spalding, 2nd.
1801 Pitkin Pratt
1802 Benedict Satterlee

Wysox:

1793 Solomon Franklin
1795 Nathaniel Hickok
1796-'7 Henry Strope
1798 Samuel Soverhill
1799 Wm. Coolbaugh
1800-'3 Ebenezer Tuttle
1804 Benj. Martin
1805-'6 Ebenezer Tuttle
1807-'8 Alpheus Choat
1809 Wilber Bennett
1810-'11 Wm. F. Dininger
1812 Wm. Keeler

Ulster:

1797 Josiah Marshall
1798 Joseph Kingsbury
1799 Wm. Spalding
1800-'1 Ebenezer Shaw
1802 Zephon Flower
1803 Wm. W. Spalding
1804 Samuel Gore

Orwell:

1802-'3 Samuel Wells
1804 Alpheus Choat
1805 Asahel Johnson
1807-'8 Theron Darling
1809 Oliver Corbin
1810-'11 Chester Gridley
1812 Theron Darling

Burlington:

1802-'4 John Dobbins

Canton:

1805-'6 Seeley Crofut
1807-'8 George Sutton
1809 Ezra Spalding
1810 Orr Scovell
1812 Seeley Crofut

Towanda:

1808 John Felton
1809 Elisha Wythe
1810 Eleazer Sweet
1811-'12 Abner C. Rockwell

Note:—It will be observed that Tioga, Ulster and Burlington do not appear in the tables after 1804, for the reason that these townships were set off to Lycoming county.

Supervisors

Wyalusing (or Springfield):

1789 Nathan Kingsley
Justus Gaylord
1790 Nathan Kingsley
Thomas Gibson
1792-'3 Oliver Dodge
Thomas Lewis
1794 Justus Gaylord, Jr.
Silas F. Andrews
1795 Guy Wells
Joshua Keeney
1796 Joseph Stalford
Amasa Wells
1797 Justus Gaylord, Jr.
Jonathan Terry
1798-'99 Elisha Keeler
J. Wheeler
1800 Daniel Ross
Peter Stevens
1801-'3 John Horton
John Taylor
1804 John Horton
O. Williams Dodge
1805 Amasa Wells
John Hollenback
1806 Jonathan Terry
Joseph Elliott
1807 Jonathan Terry
John Taylor
1809 Bartholomew Laporte
Benj. Stalford
1810 John Hollenback
Edmund Dodge
1811-'12 Bartholomew Laporte
John Taylor

Tioga (or Athens):

1788 Solomon Bennett
John Fuller
1789 Solomon Bennett
Nathaniel Shaw
1790 Simon Spalding
Leonard Westbrook
1792 Benj Clark
Josiah Marshall
1793 Ira Stephens
Silas Scovell
1794 Zephon Flower
Isaac Cash
1795 Wright Loomis
Isaac Cash
1796 Josiah Marshall
Joseph Smith
1797 Elisha Satterlee
John Shepard
1798-'99 Elisha Matthewson
Elisha Satterlee
1801-'2 Samuel Campbell
Salmon Hamlin

Wysox (or Claverack):

1788 Jehial Franklin
1789 Jehial Franklin
Sebastian Strope
1795 Silas Scovell
Sebastian Strope
1796 James McKean
Jacob Bowman
1797 Stephen Strickland
Jacob Bowman
1798 Jacob Bowman
Wm. Coolbaugh
1799 Abner Seeley
Wm. Coolbaugh
1802-'3 Job Irish
Reuben Hale
1804-'5 Ralph Martin
Rogers Fowler
1807 Jacob Myer
John Brown
1809 Joshua Moger
William Huyck
1810 Elijah Horton
Jesse Allen
1811 Shepard Pierce
Naphtali Woodburn
1812 Ralph Martin
Franklin Blackman

Ulster:

1797 Josiah Marshall
Jedediah Shaw
1798 Joseph Kingsbury
Lockwood Smith
1799 Joseph Hitchcock
Isaac Cash
1800 Richard Fuller
Isaac Cash
1801 Benj. Clark
Ebenezer Shaw
1802 Zephon Flower
Samuel Clark
1803 Zephon Flower
Adrial Simons
1804 Stephen Powell
Joseph Kingsbury

Burlington:

1802 Joseph Ballard
Elihu Knight
1803 Joseph Ballard
Aaron Cook
1804 Nathaniel Allen
Elihu Knight

Orwell:

1802 Michael Russell
Asahel Johnson
1803 Michael Russell
Samuel Woodruff
1804 Alpheus Choat
Michael Russell
1807 Theron Darling
Gould Seymour
1808 Amos Coburn
Theron Darling
1809 Thomas Brink
Nathaniel Hickok
1810 Chester Gridley
Oliver Corbin
1811 Chester Gridley
Wm. Johnson
1812 Orante Grant
Moses Coburn

Canton:

1805 Aaron Cook
Henry Segar
1806-'7 Truman Holcomb
Daniel Ingraham
1808-'9 Sterling Holcomb
Ezra Spalding
1811 Samuel Griffin
Gourley Marsh
1812 Samuel Griffin
Seeley Crofut

Towanda:

1808 John Brown
Joseph Prestor
1809 David Bardsley
Eliphalet Mason
1811 James Lewis
John Fox
1812 Russell Fowler
Abial Foster

Overseers of the Poor

Wyalusing (or Springfield):

1788 Isaac Hancock
Elijah Buck
1789 Justus Gaylord, Jr.
Oliver Dodge
1792 Amasa Wells
Justus Gaylord, Jr.
1794-5 Minor York
Joshua Terry
1796 Guy Wells
Stephen Beckwith
1797 Oliver Dodge
Silas F. Andrews
1798 J. Stevens
J. Terry
1799 Amasa Wells
Uriah Persons
1800 Aden Stevens
Reuben Wells
1801-'2 Jeremiah Lewis
Williams Dodge
1803-'4 Thomas Brink
Benj. Stalford

Tioga (or Athens):

1789 Wm. Buck
Nathaniel Shaw
Elisha Matthewson
1790 Jehial Franklin
Elisha Matthewson
1793 Wright Loomis
Stephen Hopkins
1795 Benj. Cole
Ira Stephens
1797 John Shepard
Wright Loomis
1798 Ira Stephens
Wright Loomis
1799 Clement Paine
Elisha Matthewson
1802 Amos Prentice
John Franklin

Wysox (or Claverack)

1789 Jehial Franklin
Sebastian Strope
1797 Job Irish
Jehial Franklin
1798 Henry Salisbury
Nathaniel Hickok
1799 David Allen
Solomon Franklin
1802 Reed Brockway
Solomon Franklin
1803 Wm. Means
Wm. Coolbaugh

Ulster:

1797 Benj. Clark
Benj. Cole
1799 Benj. Clark
John Spalding
1801 Peter Snyder
Solomon Tracy
1803 Avery Gore
Joseph Kingsbury

Fence Viewers

Wyalusing:

1795 Zachariah Price
Judah Benjamin
1797 Justus Gaylord, Jr.
Joseph Stalford
1800 Samuel Luckey
Joseph Stalford
1801 Jonathan Terry
Peter Stevens
1802 Joseph Preston
Humphrey Brown

Tioga.

1795 Stephen Fuller
Jehial Franklin
1796 Stephen Fuller
Elisha Matthewson
1797 John Swain
Jonathan Harris
1801 Wright Loomis
Jonathan Harris

Wysox:

1796 Joseph Ballard
Wm. Coolbaugh
1797 Silas Scovell
Wm. Coolbaugh
1799 Wm Means
Silas Scovell
1802 Zachariah Price
Job Irish

Ulster:

1797 Stephen Fuller
Adrial Simons
1803 John Spalding
Adrial Simons

Freeholders to Settle (Auditors)

Wysox:

1798 Wm. Means
Samuel Soverhill
1799 Dennison Kingsbury
Abial Foster
Zachariah Price
1803 Moses Coolbaugh
Reed Brockway
Ralph Martin
Amos Mix

Wyalusing:

1800 Dimon Bostwick
Joab Pickett
John Taylor
Samuel Gordon
1801 Justus Gaylord
Samuel Gordon
Oliver Dodge
Guy Wells
1802 Jonathan Terry
Joseph Elliott
Justus Gaylord, Jr.

Tioga:

1801 George Welles
David Paine
Wm. Prentice

Burlington:

1802 Stephen Ballard
Moses Calkins
Joseph Westcoat
Orr Scovell
Aaron Cook
Isaac Chaapel

1804 Moses Calkins
Noadiah Kendall
Isaac Chaapel
Dennison Kingsbury

Appraisers of Damages

Tioga:

1795 Stephen Fuller
Jehial Franklin

1797 Julius Tozer
Sylvenus Travis

1799 Elisha Matthewson
Solomon Franklin

Old Kingsley House, Wyalusing.

Pioneer Habits and Customs.

MONEY was a very scarce article among the pioneers, and they were required to dress in the plainest and least expensive manner. Their common habiliments were pantaloons and dresses made from flax for summer wear and from wool for winter. "Buckskin trousers" were in fashion and were not infrequently worn by the men and boys. Roundabouts, or sailors' jackets, took the place of coats. Calico was less common than silk is now and cost 75 cents a yard. She who could afford a dress made from seven yards of this material, wore "an extravagant garment." "The fashion was petticoats and short gowns." Shawls were made from pressed woolen cloth and the finest home-made linen was bleached and constructed into fine shirts for men and boys. A lady's common dress was "copperas and white," as it was called; and "copperas and blue, two and two," for nice. The women wore handkerchiefs as a covering for the head, or bonnets of their own manufacture. It was not an uncommon occurrence to see a young lady, with her shoes and stockings in her hand and a handkerchief about her head, while on her way to "meeting" in the log school house or at some neighbor's cabin. When upon nearing the place of worship, she would sit down by the road-side and dress her feet. Garments were made to wear the longest possible, as it was very uncertain when the next could be had. The boys had hats and caps made by their mothers from woolen cloth or straw and sometimes from raccoon skins. Some wore knit caps, also, until "sealskin" caps, as they were called, came in fashion. Garments were fastened together with buttons constructed out of thread.

Nearly every wife had her spinning-wheel and loom and manufactured her own cloth. Each did her own coloring and the bark from a soft maple tree, hemlock, butternut or "witchhazel" was used for dyeing purposes, also log-wood and smart-weed. Copperas, alum and sorrel were used to set the colors.

During the summer season, the boys, girls and women generally went barefooted, as did some of the men. Rattlesnakes and other venomous reptiles were numerous and a great dread to the boys when in

search of the cows. In the winter shoes with leggins were worn. Frequently it happened that some of the poorer families had no shoes, in which case the boys would heat large chips or pieces of boards to stand upon while chopping wood, or performing other outside duties. But few of the men had a "dress-up suit." This consisted of knee-breeches ornamented with buckles, long stockings made from cotton, wool or silk, and shoes with buckles. A lady's "dress-up" generally consisted of a linsey-woolsey suit, improved by pressing.

The food of the pioneers was coarse and consisted of corn and rye bread, sometimes wheat with potatoes. The last were generally baked in the fire-place by covering them with ashes and coals. Mush and milk was not an uncommon diet. Venison could be had in abundance for the killing and brook trout and shad for the catching. Deer and bear meat were made more appetizing by smoking. Jerked venison was also a favorite article on the bill of fare. The flesh of the raccoon, woodchuck and squirrel was utilized when larger game could not be had. Sometimes bread was made out of wheat and rye bran. Wheat-heads cut before ripe, then dried and the kernels rubbed out, afforded material for an "extra" dish, which was prepared by boiling with a little sugar or milk added. Milk was the main dependence and was made a most palatable dish in many ways.

Stoves with ovens had not been invented, and baking was done in fire-places and stone bake ovens. The raw material for bread and cake was prepared and put in the bake kettle (a low kettle-shaped iron pot with a cover) which was then placed over coals on the hearthstone. Upon the cover of the kettle, coals were also placed, that the baking would be more evenly done. "Johnny-cakes" were baked in the long handled frying pans, which were heated over the fire-places. The bake kettle remained in use for some years, when it was supplanted by the tin oven, which could be heated before the fire-place and every side readily shifted against the blaze as the baking required. Maple sugar was used for sweetening purposes, and corn-cobs were burned in the bake kettle cover to get a substitute for saleratus. Maple sugar and honey took the place of butter, and bear's fat was used for shortening. Fried cakes were baked in pots of bear and raccoon fat. Browned rye, peas, beechnuts, chestnuts and chickory were substituted for coffee, and sage, thyme, peppermint, spearmint, evans root, spice bush, sweet fern, tansy and hemlock bows for tea. Imported tea and coffee were too costly and could only be afforded when the "good mothers" had company. Herbs of all kinds were gathered and used for teas in sickness and each had its specific cure. For instance, elderblow, catnip and

wormwood were used for children, and boneset, pennyroyal, etc. for adults.

Greased paper hung over an opening in the wall afforded light for the cabins in the daytime. At night they were illuminated by the light given out from the huge fire-places and pitchpine splinters stuck in the chimney jambs. This furnished sufficient light for the mothers to sew, spin and weave by; for the fathers to mend and make shoes, and the boys and girls to get their lessons. A supply of pitchpine knots was generally put in before winter. Deer fat and lard were sometimes used for illuminating purposes. Tallow lamps were finally introduced and were used when tallow could be had or lard spared. They were a cuplike construction to contain animal fats and could be hung against the wall. One end of a piece of cloth, answering as a wick, was dropped into the cup, and the other end, which hung out, was lighted. Tallow candles next followed and subsequently lamps for burning coal coal. The time of day was determined by "sun marks" or noon marks upon the door or window frame. Finally, the old fashioned clocks, without cases and with long cords, were brought in and sold at fabulous prices. Matches had not yet been invented and fire was made by striking a piece of flint and steel (or the back of a jack-knife) together, causing a spark, which was caught in a piece of punk (an inflammable substance, formed from decayed wood, which was always kept in supply). "Borrowing fire," as it was called, was not an infrequent occurrence. Wooden pails were substituted for tin and wooden plates (called "trenchers"), bowls, etc. for earthenware. Wooden spoons and forks, also pewter plates, spoons and other table pieces were in use. Sap troughs were substituted for cradles and brooms were made out of young birch and hickories.

Farming implements were very imperfect as compared with those of modern invention. A plough was used with one handle and a wooden mold-board; a crotched sapling with holes bored through and supplied with wooden pins, answered as a harrow. Grain was sometimes "brushed in" by dragging a hemlock bush over the ground; pitchforks and hoes were manufactured by blacksmiths and were very clumsy articles. Reaping with the sickle or hand cradle was the slow and tedious method of cutting grain, which was threshed with flails and cleaned by shaking it with a hand-fan, a very laborious task. Fanning mills were not introduced until about 1825. Corn was ground, or rather smashed by resorting to the Indian's invention—the stone mortar and pestle: or the Yankee's device of the hollowed stump with spring-pole and pounder. Hay was scarce and cattle fed upon browse

—the tender shoots of trees, especially of the maple and basswood. Cows roamed in the woods and were found by the tinkle of the bells which they wore about their necks. Pigs were fattened upon hickory nuts or taken to the beechnut woods.

Modes of traveling and conveyance were in novel contrast with those of today. It was common to see the footman traveling with his knapsack on his back. Riding on horseback was the usual mode of conveyance from place to place and even of making long journeys. Sometimes a gentleman and lady, or a father and mother with two children might be seen pursuing their way in this style; and not infrequently parties to a hymeneal engagement betook themselves to the house of the minister or magistrate. Oxen took the place of horses, and in the ox-cart or sled families were conveyed to social gatherings, or places of worship. As the country improved a chaise or gig was occasionally seen, and in due time wagons, stages and coaches were introduced.

In lieu of a wagon, long sleds were generally used in hauling hay and grain and in making trips to mill. Sometimes, however, hay was hauled to the stack by placing a bunch or more upon a brush which formed a sort of sled; and not infrequently carried by two men for some distance by running two poles under a bunch with a man at each end. Logging and chopping bees were common, and the men and boys most cheerfully turned out with their ox teams, or came with their axes to assist their neighbors in getting a start. "On such an occasion a sheep would be killed, and boiled mutton and pot-pie had in abundance for dinner and supper."

Spinning bees were also in fashion. The lady getting up the bee would distribute tow among her lady friends, and on a day set apart they would bring in their skeins and enjoy a visit and supper with her. The affair generally wound up in the evening by a dance, or "snap-and-wink-em," and other games. Another practice was for the gallants of the neighborhood to go to the home of the lady, who was to be favored and procure a quantity of tow which was distributed among their sweethearts. On an evening agreed on, each swain took his girl with her skein to the home of their friend, where several hours were enjoyed in merrymaking. Sometimes, however, the ladies would take their spinning wheels under their arms and go to the house of a friend, do a day's work and enjoy a visit together at the same time. Quilting and sewing parties were common, and mothers alike came with needles to assist their friends in need. Husking bees, apple-cuts and spelling schools were more of modern date, and dancing was the chief enter-

tainment of the young people. Every mother taught her daughter to spin, weave, make garments, bread, in fact everything required of a house-wife, and the young lady who showed herself the best skilled in these arts was the first to find a suitor.

Liquor was always had in abundance at chopping, logging and mowing bees, raisings, shooting matches and weddings. It was a very common drink, even church members and preachers imbibing. The best could be had for six shillings a gallon, and when a tippler got boozy he was not a week in getting over it. "Spirits" were regarded as a necessity and every family kept a supply.

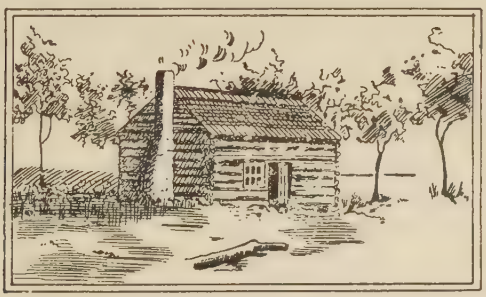
The greatest economy had to be practiced and the wife vied with her husband in trying to get along. She not only did the work pertaining to the house but helped gather the hay and grain and not infrequently assisted in the fallow or sugar-bush. The people took great delight in visiting each other and would generally go on foot or with ox-sleds. A meal was always had together, the hostess giving the best the house afforded, which was sometimes one thing and sometimes another. The guest never forgot her knitting work or sewing and would visit and work at the same time. The kitchen was the parlor, sitting room and all. There were no castes then and the old people say—"these were the happiest days we ever saw." One neighbor envied not another, but, on the contrary, did all in his power to encourage and help along. Such was the true, Christian life of the pioneers.

Education—The earliest elementary schools in the county, as established by the first settlers, were conducted in the most simple and primitive style. As the people began to improve their dwellings, the abandoned dwelling-house served for the first school house. When a building was erected for the purpose of school, it was not much better. The people of the neighborhood assembled, put up a house of logs, laid up "cob-house" fashion, so high that it would be about six feet between the floors. The desks were made by boring in the logs and putting in pins for the shelf to lie on. The seats were slabs with pegs put in for legs. The only furniture besides consisted of a cross-legged table and, perhaps, a borrowed chair. All the appliances of the school were in harmony with the rude character of the building.

Professional teaching was unknown. The best educated of the sons and daughters of the farmers and mechanics were selected for this work, who enlisted in teaching only as a temporary employment, always leaving the school when a more lucrative business offered. The intellectual qualifications were not of a very high order. Reading, spell-

ing, writing and arithmetic as far as Reduction, or at the most through the "Double rule of Three," were ample. Books were few and of the most indifferent character—often three or four pupils using the same book. Goose-quills were used for pens, and making and mending them were a part of the teacher's work. Ink was manufactured from the bark of the soft maple. Problems were sometimes worked out upon shingles. The only apparatus was obtained in the beech and hickory groves near by, and the ability to use the rod with frequency and effect was an essential qualification for the schoolmaster.

In the earliest schools, the teacher was paid by a voluntary subscription from the people, which consisted sometimes of grain, flax, wood, work or whatever could be given in remuneration for the services rendered. Schools were kept open six days in the week and from three to six months in the year. The compensation for male teachers was from $8 to $12 per month and for female teachers from 75 cents to $1 per week, in each case, including board among the families in the neighborhood. The Duke Liancourt who passed through Old Sheshequin in 1795, says: "There are two schools in the neighboring country, which are both kept by women who teach needlework and reading. To learn to read is, therefore, the only instruction which boys can obtain here. These schools are maintained solely by the fee of five shillings a quarter paid by each scholar."



Additions and Corrections.

Page 1, 19th line, 1792 should read 1791.

Page 1, add to Justices, 1804, Isaac Chaapel, LeRoy; 1805, Reuben Hale, Towanda, Reed Brockway, Monroe; 1807, Parley Coburn, Warren, Eliphalet Mason, Monroe; 1808, Salmon Bosworth, Pike; 1809, George Scott, Wysox.

Page 6, 5th line, should read daughter of Gordon and Mary (Chapman) Fowler.

Page 9, 4th line, "Miss Betsy Vanhorn" should read Mrs. Elizabeth Vanhorn, daughter of Sebastian Strope.

Page 13, 19th line, "Miss" should Mrs. Elizabeth Prouty.

Page 14, 13th line, "Lucy" should read Lydia.

Page 16, 26th line, should read Rebecca, daughter of John and Mehitable (Clark) Birney.

Page 21, 22nd line, "John" should read James Williamson.

Page 21, 27th line, "David M." should read Daniel M. Root.

Page 22, 22nd line, "Edmund and Rebecca (Franklin) Dodge", should read Oliver W. and Elizabeth (Lattimore) Dodge.

Page 25, 1st line, "William" should read Wilson Vandyke.

Page 33, add to ministers 1839, Sevellon W. Alden and Enoch H. Cranmer.

Page 35, 25th line, "Huldah Dowley" should read Huldah Donley.

Page 40, 5th line, "Joseph C." should read Dr. John E. Ingham.

Page 41, 24th line, Mrs. Cranmer died January 26, 1913 in her 97th year.

Page 56, 11th line, Mr. Burrows died October 9, 1912 in his 96th year.

Page 56, 19th line, should read Mary, daughter of Edmund and (Rebecca) Franklin Dodge.

Page 57, 13th line, "Eliza Packard" should read Eliza Pickard.

Page 70, 20th line, "Caroline Rockwell" should read Cordelia Lyon.

Page 74, 16th line, "O. D." should read J. D. Goodenough.

Page 74, add marriages, April 7, 1847, John Blackwell and Miss Lucy Phelps, both of Burlington. Lived together as man and wife within nine days of 66 years, when, March 29, 1913, Mr. Blackwell died, aged 90 years.

Page 89, 8th line, "Harriet" should read Hannah.

Page 93, 8th line, Mrs. Catharine Strope, add, died November 14, 1843.

Page 95, 21st line, should read Rachel Shears, wife of Henry Birney.

Page 97—Huyck Records—William Huyck, born February 10, 1763, died February 1849. His wife, Margaret (Westbrook), born September 27, 1769, died ——. Their children: *Ellen* (Mrs. David Vought), born February 3, 1788, died November 16, 1824; *Blondena* (Mrs. David Eiklor), born February 16, 1790, died, 1879; *Jane* (Mrs. Benjamin Brown), born May 26, 1793, died October 28, 1872 and her husband, born

April 27, 1782, died April 14, 1834; *Richard*, born April 8, 1795, died March 3, 1829; *Abraham*, born May 17, 1799, died November 8, 1872; *Isaac*, born November 23, 1801, died ——; *John*, born May 6, 1804, died —— ; *Anna* (Mrs. Nathaniel Moger), born June 10, 1806.

Page 99, 7th line, "Manassah" should read Amos.

Page 99, 14th line, "Lot" should read Job Turrell.

Page 99, 17th line, "Brinthia" should read Berinthia.

Page 100, 26th line, "Culbertson" should read Crooker.

Page 103, 10th line, should read, Amasa Wells married Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Turrell) Lewis. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Loomis*, November 10, 1810, to Orabella Keeler; *Cyrus*, November, 1814, to Harriet Beecher; *Sally*, November, 1809, to Elijah Camp; *Mary*, November, 1812, to Jonas Fuller; *Amasa*, November, 1820, to Mary Ayres; *Beebe*, 1832, to Betsy Miles; *Martha*, 1818, to Asa Lathrop; *Calista*, 1822, to Horatio Roberts; *Amy*, 1825, to David Wood; *Harriet*, 1830, to Abner Wood.

Page 106, 11th line, "Benjamin" should read Stephen Skiff.

Page 111, 25th line, Mrs. Platner, should read Mrs. Amy Platner.

Page 120, to children of Jacob Snell, add George.

Page 131, to children of Stephen Newell, add John after David.

Page 135, "other settlers" add, Uriah Stephens and Solomon Bennett, settlers in Athens, 1784–'90.

Page 163, 12th line, Benjamin Martin married Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Cowell. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Ralph* to Hannah, daughter of John Birney; *Nelson* to Hannah Townsend; *William* to Annis Orr; *Minerva* to James Ennis.

Page 192, the children of Uzziel Carter were Aaron, Moses, David, Enoch and Susannah (Mrs. Thomas Cox).

Page 194, James Quick was born January 5, 1753 at Milford, Pa. He married Hannah Pelton (not Phelps) who was born May, 1756, died December 26, 1831. Their children and marriages were: *Hannah* to Isaac Sutton; *John* to Sally Preston; *James; Samuel*; *Paul*, June 3, 1799, to Mary C. Miller; *Thomas; Cornelius*, 1st to Urania Beeman, 2nd to —— Haxes, 3rd to Eunice Purden; *Eunice* to Erastus Catlin; *Polly* to —— Carney; *Jane* to John Bates.

Page 198, James Lewis married, June 3, 1794 at Wysox, Miss Polly Jones. Their children were William, Timothy Harrison, Benjamin, Samuel, Cynthia and Celinda. Mr. Lewis died August 15, 1822, aged 52 years and was buried at Cole's.

Page 201, 20th line, the children of Humphrey Goff, who married as follows, were: *Gordon* lived at Bloomsburg, Pa ; *Desire* to John Braund, Asylum; *Harriet* to George Stein, Monroe; *Phoebe* never married; *Wells*, 1st to Mary Ann Shiner, 2nd Margaret Heverly.

Page 208, 37th line, Seth T. Verguson, died January 14, 1913 in his 97th year.

Page 216, James Rockwell had sons, William and Nathan and several daughters. *William* had children, Alonzo and Mary. *Nathan* was twice married, wives being sisters and daughters of Nathan White.

Page 216, Seth P. Rockwell's children were: *David* married Widow Orshall, lived in Orwell; *Joab* never married; *Annis* married Mr. Crawford and moved to

Susquehanna county; *Dorcas*, *Huldah*, *Ruth* and *Julia* died unmarried upon the homestead; *Eleazer* married Agnes, an adopted daughter of Willis Bronson of Towanda. "Parson Rockwell's family were all industrious, good citizens, but being of old Connecticut stock were as firm believers in witches as ever was Cotton Mather, but in later years this idea became almost if not quite a dead letter with them."

Page 217, 7th line, "Emeline Gordon" should read Nancy Maxfield. Of children, *Lloyd* married 1st Clarry Gordon, 2nd Polly Coolbaugh; *Niram* married Sophia Wells.

Page 217, 33rd line, "William" should read Benjamin Martin.

Page 225, 10th line, The history of the Loomis family in America, dates from 1638, when Joseph Loomis with his wife, Mary White, and eight children sailed from London, England and after a voyage of three months landed at Boston. The next year (1639) he settled at Windsor, Conn., where the original homestead has ever since been in the Loomis name. Wright Loomis was a descendant in the sixth generation from Joseph. He was a son of Seth and Esther (Kelsey) Loomis and was born February 13, 1756 at Windsor, Conn. He married Louisa Barnes and in 1792 removed to Athens with his wife and three children, Theodorus, Asenath and Erastus. He died in 1817 and both he and his wife are buried at Green's Landing. *Theodorus* married Fanny, daughter of Isaac Morley and had children who married as follows: Philander to 1st Harriet Beidleman, 2nd Mrs. Emily Lenox; John Wright to Evelyn Snell; Erastus to Mima Jane Macafee; Theodorus died in young manhood unmarried; Eliza to Daniel Walker; Lucina to Nelson Keeler; Amanda died in young womanhood unmarried; Charles to Sarah Knickerbocker; Sidney to 1st Anna Pierce, 2nd Chloa Nichols; Francis to Mary Meloy; Justin to Delphine Smith. *Asenath* married William Eaton of Springfield township. *Erastus* married Dorcas, sister of Fanny and daughter of Isaac Morley. They had two daughters: Merab who married Ira Woodworth of Springfield and Celestia married Laertes Langford of Rock Island, Ill. About 1828 Mr. Loomis and his wife separated. He went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he is supposed to have been robbed and killed.

Page 234, 37th line, should read Lydia (Mrs. John Miller).

Page 235, 3rd line, Oliver Gilbert died October 4, 1861, aged 72 yrs., 10 mos. and 16 days; his wife, Lucretia, died May 11, 1889, aged 88 yrs. and 1 mo. Their son, Hiram, died October 26, 1857, aged 37 yrs., 2 mos. and 26 ds., and his wife, Mary A., died, 1901, aged 70 yrs.; Richard E., brother of Hiram, died September 10, 1885, aged 61 yrs., 6 mos. and 4 ds.

Page 236, add, Timothy Culver was born December 29, 1741 at Woodbury, Conn. May 21, 1761 he enlisted for the Colonial campaign in the company of Captain Platt of Suffolk county, N. Y. He married 1st Rebecca Clark and had children: *Ruby* married Isaac Rosen; *Timothy, Jr.* married Lovina Boyce; *Rebecca* (born 1774), died October 17, 1866) married Enos Slosson; *Amasa* (born October 1, 1775, died July 11, 1842) married Hannah Coats and had children, Sally, (Mrs. Ephraim Fuller), Hiram Leander (m. Dolly Bottom), Lovina (Mrs. Joseph Gee), Content (Mrs. Walter C. Bottom), Charles Frederick (m. 1st Charlotte Slosson, 2nd Marie Marsh), Amasa Jr. (m. Anette Blackman); *Fanny* married William Allington; *Luanna* married Amasa Cook.

Page 236, 18th line, "His" should read he.

Page 241, 5th line, the daughters of Samuel Luckey married: Temperance

to Joseph Pierce; Sally to Alba Bosworth; Jane to Samuel Brown; Emeline to Nelson P. Bosworth.

Page 249, 19th line, Polly should read Mehitable.

Page 249, 28th line, "Samuel Gordon was interested in an expedition to discover the situation and number of Tories and hostile Indians at or near Tioga in 1778 and signed a memorial to that effect, which was sent to the General Assembly of Connecticut. He was not in active duty as a soldier but in the commissary department." His wife Mrs. Jane Gillespie was originally Jane Marsh. Their children: *Jane* married Amos Hulbert, died November 6, 1806, aged 26 years, left a son, Amos, who married Betsy Coolbaugh; *Clarry* married Lloyd Ackley, died June 26, 1825, aged 37 years; *Nancy* married Ebenezer Lamb, died 1866, aged 82 years; *Mary*, born June 25, 1789, married Solomon Keeney, died June 30, 1877 at Erie, Mich.; *Catherine* died young.

Page 256, 16th line, Samuel Stevens died September 30, 1844, aged 80 years.

Page 266, 32nd line, should read Lorinda (Mrs. Joseph R. Horton).

Page 268, 24th line, the sons of Michael Russell were Michael, Jr., Reuben and Hezekiah; a daughter, *Abigail* married William Strope; *Michael, Jr.* married Deborah Strope (p 95); *Hezekiah* married 1st Rosina Wickizer, 2nd Margaret ———.

Page 268, 31st line, the children of Roswell and Polly (Webster) Russell were Mary, Eliza, Mercia, Amanda and Austin (born November 5, 1809, died 1852); Amanda married Solomon Sibley and had children, William, Polly Ann, John Perry, Ralph Russell, Catherine, Elmer, Delmer, Jane and Isabella.

Page 269, 20th line, the children of Roswell and Roxanna (Bandall) Russell were Phoebe, Roxanna, Ruth and Charlotte.

Page 269, 25th line, John Russell married, August 18, 1825, Sibyl Thatcher, died July 22, 1876; she born, May 28, 1808, died April 16, 1895. Their children: *Laura Delina*, born September 8, 1827, died October 5, 1833; *Hiram Washington*, born April 18, 1829, married October 28, 1852, Mahala Tompkins, died February 19, 1908; *Amanda Licena*, born July 8, 1831, married, January 17, 1848, William A. Blair, died December 23, 1900; *Cyrus Ozias*, born October 16, 1834 married, August 24, 1856, Charlotte Vought, died, 1899; *Betsy Almina*, born September 8, 1836 married January 18, 1856, John Strope, died August 17, 1909; *Polly V.*, born April 11, 1839, died March 12, 1866; *Nancy Malvina*, born May 22, 1841, married October, 1865, Henry Vought, died May 28, 1911; *Sibyl Cerinda*, born October 22, 1844 married, August 28, 1860, James L. Prince; *John Thatcher*, born July 17, 1848 married September 7, 1866, Catherine Whaling; *Emma Crinthia*, born August 3, 1851, married Epherson B. Rought; four other children died in infancy.

Page 269, 29th line, Dan Russell, Jr. married Deborah Ann Forbes, died December 4, 1882. Their children: *Emeline Ellen* married Harvey Johnston of Litchfield; *Hester* died 1855 unmarried; *Ernest* married Melvina O. Russell of Rome; *Simon* married Eunice E. Moore of Rome; *Morgan* married Esther Towner of Rome; *Cynthia* married Pitman Demorest of Windham; *Loyal F.* married Eunice Towner of Rome; *Rozina* married Silas H. Cole of Rome; *Phoebe* married Jacob Struble of Litchfield.

Page 277, 6th line, William Chamberlain, born July 25, 1793, married October 6, 1819, Susan, daughter of Gilbert Merritt, died January 7, 1876; she born November 8, 1795, died September 17, 1867. Their children: *Matilda Jane*, born July 21, 1820, married Capt. Daniel L. States, living (1913); *Adah*, born August

15, 1821, married Francis Homet; *Lyman Dodge*, born April 20, 1823, twice married, died February 20, 1907; *Emeline*, born September 16, 1824, married Daniel Jagger; *William*, born January 7, 1826, married 1st, August 4, 1858, Jane V. Baldwin, 2nd, May 1, 1861, P. Jennie Frazier, died March 27 1901; *Asa W.*, born September 26, 1827, married Mary Jane Chamberlain, died January 5, 1913; *Amanda*, born February 18, 1829 married 1st Rev. Brooks, 2nd Benjamin Ackley; *Gilbert M.* born September 14, 1830 married Amanda M. Bunnell; *John F.*, born October 10, 1832 died in the West; *Rebecca* and *Rachel* (twins), born September 12, 1834, former died January 11, 1835 and latter, November 7, 1857, unmarried; *Jabez E.*, born November 7, 1836, died, 1911, unmarried; *Theresa*, born April 6, 1840, married 1st, J. V. M. Biles, 2nd, Mr. Prescott.

Page 299, 32nd line, the original Coleman seems to have been *Elijah* and it was he who died about 1812. His son, Elijah, who married Millie Shippy survived until after 1840.

Page 311, 3rd line, Ephraim Brink by his first marriage had children, Sterling, Austin, Phila Ann, Elvira (Mrs. Thomas Ransom), Eliza (Mrs. William Mintz), Rosana and Clarissa; by 2nd marriage children were Cypron, Elizabeth, Ephraim, Simeon, Ezekiel, Lucy and Wealthy. He went to Iowa with his family.

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THE first series having given the Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford County from 1770 to 1800, the sketches and history of this volume begin where the former left off and are carried forward in chronological order. Thus, cotemporaneous families and events are presented, at a glance, to the reader and to the advantage of the historical gleaner.

Foxes—The first improvement in Windham township was made by the Foxes from Connecticut in the spring of 1800. Thomas came with his family from Glastonbury and was afterwards joined by his father, Jonah, and brother, Russell.

Thomas Fox was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and was given a pension in his closing days for his faithful services. He settled and improved the Dee Wickham farm where he died in 1837, aged 73 years. His wife Chloe ——— died in 1854. Their children were: *Harry; Silas; George* married Laura Vibbert; *Chloe* married Fred Cargel of New York; *Dolly* married Chester Hill of Orwell; *Annie* married Daniel Hill; *Roxey* married a Mr. Buck of New York.

Daniel Doane, the second settler in Windham, was born, 1769, in Brookfield, Mass. He was a son of Nathan and Eunice (Snow) Doane, the latter a direct descendant from Stephen Hopkins of *Mayflower* celebrity and the former a lineal descendant of John Doane who came from England and settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts about 1624. In 1798 Mr. Doane sold his interest in the homestead at Brookfield and started West with his family. He spent a year near Ithaca then removed to Owego where he remained until the fall of 1800 when he came down the river and settled at Windham Center. Here he cleared away the forests, erected his log house, endured the privations of pioneer days, lived and labored until the close of his life. He married first Sally Cole (died March 15, 1821, aged 54) by whom he had children, Seth, Daniel, Joseph, Sally, Nathan, Reuben and Charles. His second wife

was Rebecca Merrill. Mr. Doane died October, 6, 1849, aged 80 years. Of his children:

Seth, born 1788, married Lydia Bardwell, died March 25, 1875 in Windham. Their children who married as follows were: *Price*, January 1, 1850 to Prudence Bradford; *Lorena* to Stephen Carner; *Seth, Jr.*, to Ellen Jane Grimley; *Mary Ann* to Charles Wait; *William*, June 26, 1864, 1st to Matilda Treadwell, 2nd to Sarah Reel; *C. Wallace* to Loretta Walker.

Daniel, Jr., born September 5, 1791, married Sylvia Bostwick, removed to Tioga county, Pa., where he died February 24, 1868. Their children who married as follows were: *William; Samuel* to Lettie Ball; *Isaac C.; Job* to Almira Rogers; *Francis; Sarah* to Albert Dale; *Eunice* to Daniel Morley.

Joseph, born April 8, 1793, married 1st Polly Robinson of Windham and occupied a portion of the homestead. Their children and marriages were: *Nathaniel* to Mary A. Knapp; *Phebe*, December 28, 1831 to Samuel Crandall; *Lucy C.* 1st, November 8, 1840, to Wm. Tyrrell, 2nd to Wm. Ross; *George* to Hannah Gardner; *Gimaliel* to Rebecca Holmes; *Frances L.* to Benjamin Angell; *David* to Jane Ellis; *Joseph* to Eliza Case. Married 2nd Miss Catherine McCarty and had *Elizabeth*, married to Clark Sexton. Married, 3rd, Phœbe Goul.

Sally, born October 1794, married Benjamin Burgess of Windham, died October 13, 1840. Children: Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Elsbree), Amanda (Mrs. Milton Johnson), Emily (married September 22, 1836, William Sibley), and sons.

Nathan, born March 8, 1799, married Achsah Webster, died November 25, 1873. They had one son, Nathan B. who married Adelia Hand.

Reuben, born 1802 in Windham, married Matilda Dunham. Their children were Amanda (Mrs. Newell Morse), John Murry, Maria (Mrs. Olmstead), Marion L., Daniel Mason.

Charles, born 1805 in Windham, married Ellen Shaw, died March 5, 1881.

Rockwells—Ephraim Rockwell, fifth in descent from Deacon William Rockwell who came to America with his family in 1630, was born September 15, 1730 at Windsor, Conn. He married 1st, July 1, 1773, Sarah Moore by whom he had two children: Sarah, born Sept. 19, 1774 and Allen, born June 10, 1776; married 2nd Hannah Coor and had children Hannah, Ephraim, Abner C., Eleazer, Zerah, Sally and Bernard. Sally, Allen and Abner C. settled in Bradford county and the other children in Crawford county, Pa. Ephraim Rockwell was a sol-

dier under General Washington in the Revolutionary war. He and his wife joined their children in Crawford county where Mr. Rockwell died August 1, 1826.

Abner C. Rockwell, son of Ephraim and Hannah (Coor) Rockwell was born May 4, 1783 at East Windsor, Conn. In the year 1800 he made a trip West, coming to Monroe, where he settled permanently. He occupied a log house at the east end of the Monroeton bridge and for some years gave attention to the improvement of his land. He took an active interest in public matters and upon the organization of Bradford county, 1812, was elected the first sheriff. He built a log addition to his house, which during his term of office was used as a prison for criminals and long known as the "old log jail." After the expiration of his term of office he resumed farming and gave attention to public improvements. He built the original bridge, spanning the South Branch at Monroeton. He erected a framed house and opened it as a hotel, and being the largest and best in the town was dedicated the "Beauty of Monroe." On one side of the sign was painted a picture of General Lafayette, the other being ornamented with Masonic emblems. He had a distillery and manufactured his own liquors. Mr. Rockwell was a man of genial presence and public spirited. He donated the ground at Monroeton for school and church purposes. He possessed superior ability and was noted for his sterling integrity and generosity. Mr. Rockwell married, December 20, 1808, Betsy, daughter of Gordon Fowler. He died July 29, 1836. Mrs. Rockwell, born April 14, 1792, died July 27, 1866. Both are buried at Cole's. Their children were:

Maria married Joseph D. Montanye of Towanda; died August 31, 1881 aged 72 years.

Zerah married Mary Ann Hart and engaged in farming in Monroe; died, 1860.

James Lawrence, born February 15, 1814 married Miss Cordelia Lyon; was for many years associated with Wm. H. H. Brown in the mercantile business, afterwards owning and operating Rockwell Bridge mills; died November 21, 1875.

William A. married Miss Mary Nichols and engaged in merchandising in Towanda; died, 1878.

Rolland R., the surviving member of the family, is living at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sally Rockwell, sister of Abner C., married Jacob Bowman, Jr. of Towanda; died August 16, 1874, aged 83 years.

Timothy Alden was a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullens of *Mayflower* celebrity. He was a son of Israel and Lucy

(Markham) Alden and was born February 22, 1770 at Tyringham, Mass. In 1799 he made a prospecting trip to Bradford county and being well pleased with the country, sold his property in the East and bought 800 acres in Monroe of Reed Brockaway under Connecticut title, paying for it in hard cash. In the month of December, 1800, he brought his family to their new home with horses and sleighs. He had built a little log house which the family occupied. "The wolves and bears were thick all around, and Mr. Alden kept everything, which the wild beasts could carry off at night, in pens. One night a bear came and took a pig, which had six little ones, out of a pen six feet high. The wolves would howl all night, and the family, which had left a pleasant home, were horribly lonesome and homesick enough." Mr. Alden was a blacksmith by occupation and worked at his trade some time after settling in Monroe. In 1827 he built the stone house yet standing on the place where he lived. He was required to pay for his land the second time and to do so as he expressed it, "hauled logs through the mud during the day and sawed them at night."

Mr. Alden is described as a man six feet two inches in height, well proportioned, commanding and of noble bearing. He was firm, benevolent and possessed of good judgment. Though not given to frivolous things, he was fond of humor. For some time he was captain of militia and hence was generally addressed as "Captain Alden." He was one of the first and most liberal supporters of the Baptist church in Monroe and remained a faithful and consistent member until the time of his death. He had married Lois, daughter of Sheffield Wilcox, one of the pioneers of Albany. Mr. Alden died September 29, 1859 and his wife, born February 5, 1773, January 10, 1851. Their children were:

Adonijah, born about 1791, married Vesta, daughter of Rev. M. M. York of Wysox. They had children, Adaline, Adrain Minor, Timothy Wells, Elizabeth, Mahala, Charles Edward, Cora Caroline, Percival York, Sylvester Jerome and Marinda Arloa. Mr. Alden removed to Illinois where he died August 6, 1839, and his wife May 17, 1839.

Sophronia, born May 9, 1793, married Jared Woodruff of Monroe, died April 8, 1876.

Philinda, born February 10, 1795, married, 1818, Charles Warner Ladd of Albany.

Louisa, born January 5, 1797, married Benjamin Coolbaugh of Monroe, died July 14, 1846.

Parmelia, born December 18, 1801, married 1st Jacob Arnout, 2nd Charles Homet, died June 4, 1876.

Sylvester William (twin of Sevellon W.), born March 19, 1810, married Frances, daughter of Thomas Wilcox of Milltown, occupied the homestead until 1855 when he removed to Wisconsin. They had two sons, Dr. Alanson T. and Charles J., both of whom served in the Wisconsin Volunteers during the Civil War. Mrs. Alden died in Monroe, August 29. 1847, aged 32 years. Mr. Alden afterwards married Harriet Bishop. He died July 13, 1881 at Green Bay, Wis.

Sevellon Wells, twin of Sylvester W., November 16, 1831, married Mathena, daughter of Dr. Benoni Manderville. When a young man he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church and became one of the most widely known preachers on the circuit and at one time was presiding elder. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, a great reader and had a most retentive memory. He was a frequent contributor to both the local and foreign press; his communications were full of interest and were a valuable contribution to our local history for they supplied many forgotten facts and incidents of the early times in Central Bradford. In the field of local research he was an industrious gleanor and it is due to his exertions that much in early history has been preserved. His demise occurred March 22, 1883. Mrs. Alden survived her husband some years. They had two sons, Philo E. and DeWitt Clinton, now all deceased.

Chaapel—George Chaapel at the age of 20 years with his wife, Margaret, came from London, England in the ship *Christian*, 1635, and settled at New London, Conn. They were the parents of three children, Mary, Rachel and John. Some of the Chaapels removed about 1760 to Berkshire county, Mass.

Isaac Chaapel was born February 28, 1761 at Standisfield in Berkshire county. He entered the American army at the age of 15 and served seven years. From the battle of Bunker Hill, where he was in the ranks, till the close of the war it was his good fortune never to have been wounded, although he endured many privations from exposure and hunger. He married Tamasin Wilcox, with whom and their four children, he removed in March, 1800 to Towanda, where he built a log house on the bank of the run near the site of the present Episcopal church. Here he remained two years then located in LeRoy on what is known as the Chauncey Chaapel farm, where he died May 1, 1817. In 1804 Mr. Chaapel was commissioned a justice of the peace for Burlington and was a member of the first grand jury (1813) in the county. He also filled various other local offices. His wife, born April 2, 1764, died May 22, 1833. Both together with many of their descendants are buried in the cemetery at LeRoy. Their children were:

Buckley, born February 10, 1784, married Betsey Bowman of Towanda, died September 1, 1837.

Laura married a Mr. Rockerfeller.

Parma married Emer Harris, a Mormon.

Tacy married Alvah Kellogg.

Harriet married Horace Spalding of Canton.

Chauncey married Lura (Crofut) Wooster and had children who married as follows: *Hannah C.* to Addison Brigham; *John R.* to Ann Holcomb; *Frank B.* to Mahala Wheeland; *Harriet* to Anson B. Carney; *Charles P.* to Susie Claflin.

Ledyard married Celestia Holcomb and was the father of Laura, Jay, Hoyt, Helen and Burr.

John went to sea and was never afterwards heard of.

Isaac died unmarried in Wisconsin.

Fanny married Robert Claflin.

Mary married Harvey Kellogg.

Delight married Benjamin Holcomb.

Reed Brockaway, a gentleman of some literary attainment, who was interested in Connecticut lands, located within the present limits of Monroeton village in 1800. The *Luzerne Federalist* of July, 1801, says: "The Fourth of July was celebrated at Wysox (Towanda) by a numerous and respectable company. Wm. Means provided an entertainment, the style and elegance of which reflected great credit on his taste and industry. An oration was delivered by Reed Brockaway. After dinner a number of appropriate toasts were drank." In 1805 Mr. Brockaway was commissioned a justice of the peace for the Wysox district. He sold to Eliphalet Mason and left the county about 1807.

Samuel Bartlett, a native of Vermont, who was reared near the Green Mountains and served as a captain of one of the companies in Gen. Ethan Allen's brigade during the Revolutionary war, came to Sheshequin about 1800, locating on the Judson Macafee farm. He purchased a large tract of land, which he occupied until the time of his death, July 1, 1810, at the age of 64 years. In Vermont he had married a Miss Meigs who died before his removal to Sheshequin. Their children were:

Timothy came to Sheshequin with his father. He married Huldah, daughter of Zephon Flower (I-189) and occupied a portion of the homestead farm, where he died February 1, 1821, aged 31 years. He had one son and a daughter. The son, at about the age of 14 years, was crossing the river on the ice with a horse and cutter, when the ice

gave way and both he and the horse were drowned. The daughter, Mary, married Lathrop Smith of Horseheads, N. Y.

Hannah married Cornelius Younglove and settled at Hammondsport, N. Y.

Satira married a Mr. Clapp and settled in Washington county, N.Y.

Mary married Samuel Hoyt, came to Sheshequin with her husband and died there August 9, 1849 in her 71st year.

Samuel lived on the farm with his father. He married Phoebe, daughter of Captain Jeremiah Shaw. He took an active part in the early political struggles of the county and was chosen county auditor, 1819. About 1834 he sold his interests to Colonel Kingsbury and removed to Michigan.

Gerould (originally Jerauld) –Dr. James Jerauld (Gerould) a Huguenot, emigrated from France about 1680, married Martha Dutee of Boston and settled in Medfield, Mass., where he practiced medicine many years, retaining largely the habits and customs of a French gentleman. His children were James, Martha, Gamaliel, Stephen, Dutee, Mary, Joanna and Susannah. Gamaliel was thrice married, his first wife being Rebecca Lawson by whom his children were Gamaliel, Kate, Rebecca and Jabez.

Jabez Gerould, son of Gamaliel and Rebecca (Lawson) Gerould, in the year 1800 removed with his family from Connecticut; reaching the Susquehanna near its head-waters he floated down the river on a slab-raft to Queen Esther's flats where he resided a short time. Going to Smithfield he selected lands, erected a log house and the next year, (1801) moved his family in. His trials in the wilderness were short. He was taken suddenly ill and died June 12, 1802 before medical aid could reach him, at the age of 53 years. He left eight children, the eldest of whom was 16 years of age. The mother for a time supported the family largely through her own efforts by spinning flax and receiving pay therefor in meal. The family occupied the log house until 1812 when they moved into their commodious framed dwelling. Mr. Gerould had married Demaris Bennett of Newtown, Conn. She lived to a good old age, her demise occurring March 20, 1829. Their children were Jerusha, James, Susannah, Ephraim Bennett, George, Ziba, Jabez Lawrence, Abel Judson and Theodore.

James, born May 5, 1784, married Lois Wood, died October 30, 1859; children: James Allen, Emeline, Emma Ann, Marcus B., Florilla C., Anna, Christianna, Samuel Wood, James Orville, Malvina and Lois Eveline.

Susannah, born January 1, 1786, married, February 12, 1804,

Dutee Rice and had children: Jerusha A., Maria S., Hiram, Mehitable B., Jabez Gerould, John J., James P., Caleb B., Betsey A. and Orrin B.

Ephraim B., born June, 1788, married 1st Betsy Foster and had one child, Theodore; married 2nd Christiana Putnam and had children, Maria and Otis; died April 22, 1845.

George, born November 25, 1789, married, December 13, 1813, Bathsheba Beals, died May 6, 1853; children: Owen, James L., Harriet, Sarah, John and Ephraim B.

Ziba, born January 11, 1792, married, November 16, 1817, Eliza Bird, died February 7, 1871; children: Sophia, Louisa, Betsey, Louis B., Phebe, Henry, Clayton and Jane Eliza.

Jabez L., born December 13, 1795, married, May 25, 1820, Margaret Beebe of Geneva, N. Y., died June 6, 1852; children: Amelia B., Jabez, Abijah, A. Beebe, Henry, Clarissa P., Ruth A., John Edward and Cordelia.

Abel J., born April 8, 1799, married, January 30, 1822, Nancy Foster; children: Betsy, Charles M., Abial F., Mary, Clinton, Clotilda and Mayland.

Theodore, born May 11, 1801, married, October 2, 1827, Amanda F. Ferguson, died February 18, 1874; children: Maria, Theresa, James and Sarah.

Phineas Pierce was a descendant in the fifth generation from Thomas Pierce who came from England, 1633-'34 and settled at Charleston, Mass. In the year 1800 Mr. Pierce removed with his family from Poultney, Vermont to Smithfield township, where he died, 1808. The first saw-mill in the town was built by him in or before 1806. He was twice married, 1st to Ruth Gaines by whom he had 11 children, 2nd to Ruth Beebe and had three children.

Abiram, the eighth child of Phineas and Ruth (Gaines) Pierce, was born May 20, 1786. He cleared and improved a farm in Smithfield where he died October 17, 1860. He was a man of local prominence and was for several years a justice of the peace. He married, January 8, 1809, Sarah, daughter of James Satterlee and had children, Christopher E., William S., Stephen, Mary (Mrs. John Spalding), Jane L. (Mrs. John J. Johnson), Amos and Emma (Mrs. Horace Pomeroy). *Stephen*, born August 29, 1813 was one of the earlier members of the Bradford county Bar; practiced in Bradford and Tioga counties; was elected State Representative, 1840; died February 12, 1868 at Troy, Pa.

Phineas Pierce, Jr., enlisted in the War of 1812 and went to the Niagara frontier where he was killed in a skirmish with the enemy in September, 1814.

Joel Barnes, son of Jeremiah Barnes and a native of Grandville, Mass., came to Orwell in 1800. He married Ruth, daughter of Capt. John Grant; died in Orwell, 1847, aged 68 years. His wife died at the age of 60. Their children were Horace W., Joel, Jr., William G., Cyprion, Harriet (Mrs. Ithiel Allis), Emily (Mrs. Hezekiah N. West) and Sally Eliza (Mrs. Enos R. Woodruff).

Levi Frisbie, who had rendered service to his country in the Revolutionary war, was born January 31, 1758 at Bristol, Conn. He married December 20, 1786, Phebe Gaylord, daughter of Aaron Gaylord who was slain at the battle of Wyoming. In February 1800, Mr. Frisbie with his wife and four children emigrated from Connecticut to Orwell, settling the place afterwards occupied by Hon Zebulon Frisbie during his life time. He was a courageous and industrious pioneer, having performed well his part in the new country. Mr. Frisbie died October 5, 1842; his wife, born November 19, 1767, died October 5, 1852. Both are buried in the Orwell Hill cemetery. Their children were Chauncey, Laura, Catharine, Levi and Zebulon.

Chauncey, born November 16, 1787 at Burlington, Conn., married 1st, March 17, 1812, Chloe Howard; 2nd Eliza, widow of Dr. Dudley Humphrey; died May 4, 1864. He was noted for his integrity of purpose and his scrupulously honest dealings. He was active in politics as a Democrat, filled important local offices and served as county treasurer 1833-'34. By his former marriage he had children, Hanson Z. and Phebe Maria; by his second marriage he had one son, George Chauncey. Mrs. Eliza Frisbie died September 9, 1865, aged 80 years. *George C.*, born March 1, 1831, married October 17, 1855, Huldah Jane, daughter of Peter and Deborah Kuykendall; died July 2, 1908.

Laura, born January 1, 1790, married Ira Bronson of Burlington, Connecticut.

Catherine, born April 1, 1792, married October, 1815, Abel Eastabrooks of Orwell; died August 27, 1822, leaving children, Charles, Laura (Mrs. James D. Humphrey), Aaron G. and Levi F.

Levi, born November 19, 1798, married March 3, 1825, Chloe Chubbuck, died November 23, 1889; his wife, born December 8, 1803, died August 20, 1869. Their children were Addison G., Catherine (Mrs. Stewart Line), Eaton N., Wilbur E., Laura P. (Mrs. Frank Bachman) and Joseph A. *Aaron G.*, born March 4, 1826, married, December 5, 1850, Ordelia, daughter of Abel and Laura (Allis) Darling, died February 19, 1896.

Zebulon, born July 4, 1801, married, December 4, 1828, Polly, daughter of Warren Goodwin of Connecticut, died August 29, 1881 in

Orwell; was a justice of the peace many years and an associate judge of the county, 1868-'73. Their children were Addison C., Warren R., William L., Chauncey M., Ruby M. (Mrs. Edward Boardman) and Olin G. *Addison C.*, born October 20, 1829, married, October 17, 1855, Miss N. N. Newell; served as Register and Recorder, 1879-'82; died February 24, 1910.

Samuel Woodruff, born August 9, 1750 at Litchfield, Conn., had the distinction of serving ten enlistments during the Revolutionary war, from July, 1775 to October, 1781. His brother-in-law, Capt. Josiah Grant, having settled in Orwell he came also about 1800. Here he continued to reside a number of years, then sold his property and went to Wysox to live with his daughter, Mrs. Barstow, where he died February 6, 1838. His wife, Mary, died April 24, 1838, aged 85 years. Their children were:

Nathaniel who never came to Orwell.

Benjamin settled in the West.

Clarissa married Dr. Seth T. Barstow; died March 14, 1853 in Wysox, aged 67 years.

Almira married Adrain Manville; hers it is claimed was the first death in Orwell.

Adrian Manville evidently came from Connecticut with or about the same time as his father-in-law, Samuel Woodruff. He remained in Orwell a few years then removed to the Fencelor place at Myersburg, which he subsequently sold to his brother-in-law, Dr. Barstow. From Wysox he went to Nichols, N. Y. and later to Western Virginia where he died. He was the father of the late Capt. Chas. M. Manville of Towanda and Nathaniel Manville, who in the 30's conducted a somewhat extensive manufacturing enterprise at the Pail factory on Sugar Creek.

Samuel Wells came from Burlington, Vermont to Orwell about 1800. He purchased and improved a large farm upon which he died, March 26, 1827, leaving a widow, Jemima, and eight children, Theron, Shubael, Correll, George W., Relzeman, Hiram, Pantha (Mrs. Stephen M. Warner) and Cynthia D. (Mrs. Wm. T. Brown). The homestead was divided in 1830, most of it afterwards being acquired by Theron. *Relzeman* died May, 1843 in Orwell, being survived by his wife, Temperance, and two children, Adaline Louisa and Robert Lee. *Correll* and wife, Edna, 1848, deed to Samuel C. Wells and others. *George W.* and wife Adeline, 1858, deed to John Mingle. He had settled in Clearfield county, Pa.

David Watkins, born January 21, 1779, emigrated from Connecticut in the spring of 1800. When he arrived in Columbia, where he settled permanently, his worldly possessions consisted of his wife, an axe, scythe and $7.50 in cash. On his way Mr. Watkins had his arithmetic stolen which became a great privation in after years. In those days such books were written on parchment and were highly prized. Like the other Columbia pioneers he was required to make trips to Tioga Point to mill, for trading and even to have his axe ground. His daughter, Laura, born in August, 1800, was the first child to see light in Columbia. Her birthplace was under the roots of a hugh pine tree, partly turned up, which Mr. Watkins had formed into a sort of house. Her cradle was a sap trough. Mr. Watkins cleared and improved a fine farm near Austinville, where he died in 1863. He had married Polly Seeley of Connecticut. Their children were Laura (Mrs. Miles Philip Slade), Charry (Mrs. John Wolfe), David Seeley, William B., Rebecca (Mrs. Isaac Besley), Eliada, Mial, Hannah (Mrs. Isaiah Montanye) and Mary (Mrs. John Perry).

Oliver Canfield, a Columbia pioneer emigrated from Redding, Fairfield county, Conn., settling at Austinville in 1800. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and is said to have served seven years, many times marching over frozen ground barefooted. He died upon the farm where he settled and is buried at Austinville. He married Sally Bradley and had two sons, Moses B. and Daniel.

Moses B. married Betsey Crippen, occupied the homestead, died in 1868, aged 74 years. Their children were Sally (Mrs. Carlonus Spencer), Hiram, Polly (Mrs. Eben J. Bosworth), Daniel C., Lucy (Mrs. Silas Holly), Ann (Mrs. Henry VanNocken), Melinda (Mrs. Wright W. Clark), Oliver (died in his country's service, Civil War) and Louisa (Mrs. Leonard Bailey).

Samuel Lamphere, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, came from Connecticut to Columbia with Nathaniel Morgan in 1800. In 1817 he exchanged his place with John Calkins for a property in West Burlington, where he died March 18, 1834, aged 82 years. His wife, Mary, survived him and a daughter who had married Ephraim Cleveland.

Joseph Batterson came from Connecticut with Nathaniel Morgan and others in 1800. He early removed from Columbia to Ridgebury, being one of the first settlers in that township. Mr. Batterson had served his country six years in the struggle for independence and his record is thus given in his application for the benefits of a pension in his affidavit of September 11, 1820: "That he the said Joseph Batterson, resident of Ridgebury township, doth on his oath declare that

he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted as a private soldier at Fairfield, Conn., April 7, 1777, under Captain Albert Chapman, Col. Heman Swift's regiment, continental establishment and served until June 7, 1783, when he was discharged; that he was in the battles of Germantown, Monmouth and the taking of Cornwallis; by occupation he is a farmer, subject to rheumatism; family a wife 57 years old, son, weak-minded, aged 21 and a daughter, weak-minded, aged 18." In his old age Mr. Batterson removed from the town, but to what locality and where and when he died we are not informed.

Andrew Gregg, born May 16, 1763 in Ireland, came to America with his father's family about the time of the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, settling at Sunbury, Pa. Though only a boy, stirred by patriotic impulses, he joined the Sullivan expedition of 1779 and accompanied it on its mission. After the war he married Nancy Santee of Luzerne county and removed to Ulster, 1800. Here he remained a short time only, going to North Towanda where he lived until 1807, when he took up lands on the Towanda Hills and settled thereon. Here he struggled and labored with the grit of a true pioneer in clearing away the heavy timber and preparing the land for the plow. He died April 25, 1846, and his wife, May 17, 1838, aged 74 years. Their children were:

Esther who married, 1st, a Mr. Fanning, 2nd, Thomas Brown.

Margaret married Squire Watts; died November 1, 1886 in Canton township in her 90th year; was the mother of four sons and two daughters.

Polly married Joshua Bailey of North Towanda.

Nancy married William Campbell of Burlington.

Katie died in young womanhood.

Susan married Delanson, brother of Wm. Campbell.

William married Mary Ballard and lived in Towanda township.

Andrew C. married Anna Bailey of North Towanda and occupied the homestead, where he died, 1865, aged 65 years. He was succeeded by his son, Francis, whose son now occupies the property.

Ephraim Ladd, a native of Tolland, Connecticut, born May 22, 1749, responded to the first Lexington alarm, 1775, and served three months at the opening of the Revolution. In February, 1800, Mr. Ladd left Connecticut with his family, making the trip West on sleighs with a span of horses and an ox-team. Reaching Monroe he tarried the first year with his brother-in-law, Gordon Fowler (wives being sisters). In the meantime he had selected lands on the present site of New Albany, made some improvements and erected a log house with a cob-roof and

puncheon floor. Early the next spring he moved in with his family, being the first settler in Albany township. It required two days to make the trip from Monroe. Alone in the wilderness lived Mr. Ladd and his family, with the panther and bear. Wolves swarmed around their cabin and broke the midnight stillness by music that was anything but pleasant to their ears. It was, indeed, a wild and dreary country and the first few years were years of struggle and hardship to clear up the heavily timbered lands and fit them for cultivation. But Mr. Ladd was equal to the test, being full of hard days' work and possessing a spirit that would not be daunted by hardships or the loneliness of the wilds. He was not only an industrious but a very useful citizen. By occupation he was a shoemaker and after other families came in he supplied their wants in footwear. He was a Christian gentleman, strong in the Presbyterian faith. Before any of the pioneer preachers had found their way into Albany, he would convene the people at his house on Sundays and read sermons from "*The Palladium*," an early publication. He also organized a Sabbath school at his house for the benefit of both young and old, and taught the boys and girls their first lessons in the spelling book. Mr. Ladd was a man quiet in deportment and fine proportions, weighing over 200 pounds. He married, July 14, 1774, Miss Lois Chapman, who was born January 28, 1756. She bore her part nobly and well with the man of her choice in the new country. Mrs. Ladd is described "a large lady, humorous, with a fondness for company, devout in religious matters, possessed of superior womanly qualities and a very rapid knitter." In 1829 Mr. and Mrs. Ladd moved to Northumberland county with their son, Ephraim, where the former died May 4, 1836 and the latter, May 2, 1836. The children of Ephraim and Lois Ladd were Nancy, Roxanna, Horatio, Charles Warner, Almana, John C., Lydia, Milton, Willis, Electa, Lois and Ephraim.

Nancy married and never came to Pennsylvania.

Roxanna died in young womanhood before the removal of the family to Pennsylvania.

Horatio, born January 21, 1780, married, January 30, 1800, Miss Asenath Ives, and came to Bradford county in company with his father. He worked a farm in Towanda township until April, 1805 when he moved to Albany. He was an industrious hard-working man, careful in the management of his affairs. He despised a lazy man and declared, "he would not help him who could help himself." He had an excellent voice and was known as "the singer" of early days He led the singing in church and instructed his friends in this

accomplishment. It is said, when a young man at parties, "he could sing all night without singing the same tune twice." Mr. Ladd was a tanner and currier by occupation but did not follow that trade after coming to Pennsylvania. For a number of years he kept a public house at New Albany and carried on farming. He was a good citizen, a member of the Presbyterian church and a man whose honesty and integrity were never questioned. His death occurred January 12, 1850. Mrs. Ladd, born October 18, 1775, died August 28, 1854. She was brave, ambitious and capable of remarkable endurance. In 1814 she made a trip on horseback, unaccompanied to Connecticut, a distance of 300 miles. The water was high and in many places she was required to wade the streams. Of wonderful physique, it is said she could shoulder three bushels of wheat and carry the load up a ladder. "She spun her three run (60 knots) of tow in a day and cared for five children. She was a great worker and never tired." The children of Horatio and Asenath Ladd were: *Clarissa*, born October 4, 1800, married 1st Elisha Harris, 2nd Joseph Marshall; *Moses A.*, born July 23, 1802, married 1st Susanna Lawrence, 2nd Margaret J. Strong, died June 20, 1886; *Eliza*, born June 20, 1805, the first child to see the light in Albany, married William Lawrence, died April 28, 1847; *Olivia*, born May 25, 1810, married Jason Horton, died September 12, 1849; *Lucinda*, born November 12, 1814, married James Martin, died October 26, 1840; *Asenath*, born April 13, 1817, married Dr. David S. Codding of Pike; *Arunah*, born March 14, 1820, served three years as a member of Company G, 57th P. V., Civil War, died May 4, 1909.

Charles Warner, born September 5, 1781, settled adjoining his father in Albany. In 1819 he erected the stone house yet standing. He was Albany's first postmaster, being appointed in 1818. He is described as a "quiet man, never at variance with his neighbors and having the esteem of all." He married Philinda Alden of Monroe and was the father of the late Dr. Charles K. Ladd of Towanda. His death occurred September 15, 1832.

Almana, or "Almira," born February 22, 1784, married a Dr. Smith of Chautauqua county, N. Y.

John C., born November 16, 1785, died unmarried, May 16, 1804, his being the first death in Albany township.

Lydia, born October 31, 1787, married Truman Holcomb of LeRoy, died October 8, 1865.

Electa, born June 5, 1793, married Daniel Stone of Canton, died September 22, 1832.

Lois, born October 29, 1795, married Augustus Pierce of Wysox and died August 24, 1872 in California.

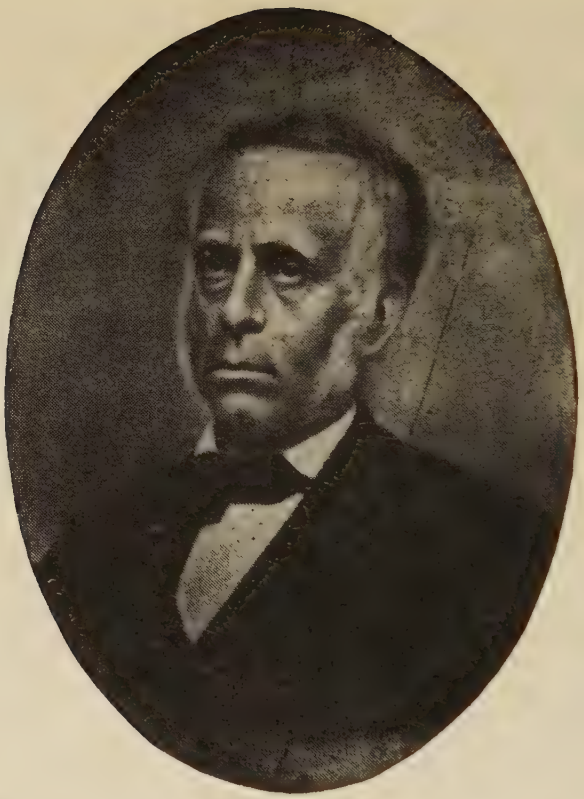
Ephraim, Jr., born September 7, 1797, married Susan Irish, moved to Northumberland county, 1829, and afterwards to Kentucky, where he died November 3, 1867.

The Coburns were among the brave spirits who left comfortable homes in the East to face the dangers of life in the wilderness of northeastern Bradford. They were originally from Worcester county, Mass. "In the spring of 1800, Capt. Ebenezer Coburn and Jonathan Coburn, brothers, came with their sons from Woodstock, Connecticut and bought 23,040 acres of land, Connecticut title, and made a clearing on the farm where they afterwards lived and died in north Warren. Very soon they learned that their title was worthless, but they were men of courage and energy, who could grapple with and overcome obstacles. The following spring they moved their families from Connecticut to the new settlement." Moses Coburn and family also came.

Capt. Ebenezer Coburn was a patriot of the Revolutionary war. He died during the fever epidemic, 1813 and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Coburn Heights. His children were Parley, Amos, Ebenezer, Jr., Andrew C., Nehemiah, Ruth (1st Mrs. Dewing, 2nd Mrs. Joseph Armstrong) and Zilpah (Mrs. Eliphalet Mason).

Parley returned to Connecticut and in the autumn, 1800, married Betsey ———, taught school during the winter and the next spring settled in Warren. He was a man of decided force of character and many years a justice of the peace. He was one of the original members and a deacon of the Warren Congregational church. His death occurred in 1860 at the age of 85 years. His children were Algernon Sidney, Enoch P. and Charles R. *Algernon Sidney*, born August 10, 1801, was the 3rd child born in Warren, married Lois Mericle, died, 1844. He was the father of Caroline H. and James Parley, the latter, a successful teacher, member of the 141st P. V., long a merchant and member of the state legislature. *Charles R.*, noted educator, county superintendent and state superintendent, died March 8, 1869, aged 60 years, leaving wife, Eliza and children, Sarah C. Hillier, Francis G. and Charles Sidney.

Amos built the first framed house in Warren, at which he had a house-warming, and "all the good people in Martell (original name of the settlement), some on foot and some on ox-sleds, and how they tripped the light fantastic toe! and, possibly, what was infrequent, some of them went in store-troughs, drawn by their oxen, in lieu of sleds." Mr. Coburn and his wife both died during an epidemic of fever, winter of 1824-'25.



CHARLES RITTENHOUSE COBURN, son of Parley Coburn, was born, 1809, in Warren. In his father's log cabin was opened the first school in the township. Here and in the other schools in the neighborhood our subject received his education. In 1827 he began teaching at Owego at $8 per month Disposed to make teaching a business for life, he commenced about this time, without assistance, a course of study in the higher mathematics and in other branches. He soon became Principal of the Owego Academy, a position he occupied eighteen years. He was present at the New York State Teachers' Association in 1845 and was elected its President in 1848. In 1852 he became one of the editors of the New York Teacher and at the same time acted as associate Principal of the Binghamton Academy. He was called to be professor of mathematics and Principal of the Normal department of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute in 1854. He continued in that capacity until 1857, when he was elected

County Superintendent. After serving two terms as County Superintendent, he was appointed by Governor Curtin, State Superintendent, the duties of which office he assumed the first Monday of June, 1863. Owing to poor health he resigned this position in 1866, which was accepted on condition of his remaining in the office as deputy. Being thus freed from the most arduous duties of the office he continued until a few months of his death to devote his energies to the school interests of Pennsylvania. He was the author of a work on intellectual philosophy. "His articles were clear, pointed and practical. They evinced energy, soundness and generous impulses. As a teacher, he insisted upon order and attention, and to all yielding these he exercised indefatigable patience and rare skill in commanding knowledge. Though rather stern and severe in appearance, he was impelled by as kind a heart as ever beat and by an ambition to do others good." Superintendent Coburn died March 8, 1869 at Nichols, N. Y. in his 60th year.

Andrew C. died in Warren, 1839, leaving a widow, Maria W. D. Coburn, and children, Mary T., Ebenezer, Benjamin C. and Andrew.

Nehemiah died in Warren, 1862, being survived by his widow, Sarah.

Ruth, whose husband, Michael Dewing, had died, with her four sons, Jeremiah, Andrew, Alexander and Edward, and two daughters, accompanied her father to Warren. She afterwards married Joseph Armstrong.

Zilpah married, June 22, 1802, Eliphalet Mason, being undoubtedly the first wedding in Warren. She died of fever, June 15, 1803.

Jonathan Coburn who came with his brother to Warren died, 1813 of fever as did his son, George. John and Nathan Coburn, early settlers of Warren, were evidently either sons of his or Moses.

John died in Warren, 1826, leaving widow, Charlotte, brothers, Noah Mason Coburn and Alexander Coburn and sisters, Polly and Susannah Coburn.

Moses Coburn evidently came to Warren at about the same time as Ebenezer and Jonathan. He had married in Connecticut Maria Horton. Both died in Warren, the latter in 1849 and the former, 1850. Their nine children who married as follows were: *Daniel H.* to Harriet Dewing; *Roswell L.* to Lucy Keeler; *Frances* to James Olmstead; *Phoebe* to Nathan Young; *Mary*; *Augustus* to Sophia Manning; *George* to Caroline Barton; *Harriet* to Harmon Knapp; *Betsy* to Mr. Landers.

Powell—Among the Moravian missionaries who took up the work of that faith in America were Joseph and Samuel Powell, brothers, who came from Shropshire on the border of Wales in 1742. They first preached in New Haven, but finally joined the mission at Bethlehem—the chief Moravian settlement. Joseph was active and prominent as a

missionary for years. He labored in the holy cause among the Indians and negroes of Jamaica and at various missions, being sent finally to the Indian station, *Wechquandnach*, Connecticut on the confines of the state of New York and died at Sharon. He was the father of Stephen.

Stephen Powell enlisted in the American army, January 1, 1777 from West Chester county, N. Y. in Capt. Samuel T. Pell's company, 2nd New York regiment, commanded by Col. Philip Van Cortlandt. He is said to have lost a leg at the battle of the Cowpens but remained in the service till May 21, 1783, when he was discharged. In 1801 he removed with his family from Dutchess county to Ulster, settling the first farm above the narrows. Here he continued to reside until the time of his death, September 18, 1806, aged 52 years. Mr. Powell had married, May 24, 1777, Mary Burdge. She survived her husband many years and died at the home of her son in Penn Yan, N. Y. Their children were:

Margaret, born October 29, 1781, married Benjamin Shaw and lived at Penn Yan, N. Y.

Elizabeth, born February 19, 1783, married David Winans of Penn Yan, N. Y.

Joseph Cash, born June 10, 1786 at Statford, N. Y., spent his early life upon his father's farm. In 1810 he married Miss Mary Smith of Ulster, and a few years subsequent sold out his interests and removed to Troy, where he engaged in the mercantile business. He took an active part in the organization of the county and was several times called to fill important public positions, being county commissioner, sheriff, prothonotary and representative. Upon being elected to sheriff in 1821 he removed to Towanda and finally to his farm in North Towanda, where he died September 2, 1854. For several years he engaged in lumbering and for a time kept a store at Towanda and another at Burlington. By his first marriage his children were Smith Herrick, Percival, Benjamin Franklin and George. For his second wife Mr. Powell married Mrs. Vespasian Ellis (Selina Phillips), their children being Vespasian, Joseph (late prominent merchant and banker of Towanda, member of congress, sheriff, etc), Lucretia (Mrs. John K. Baker) and Mary Selina (Mrs. W. B. Webb).

Hannah, born March 16, 1790, never married, spent most of her life in Troy, died June 19, 1841 and is buried in Riverside cemetery, Towanda.

Lewis, born March 31, 1792, married and settled on a farm near Troy, finally sold out and removed to Michigan where he died.

John, born March 9, 1794, married Almira Legg and lived at Penn

Yan, N. Y. where he became a man of affluence and was a noted Methodist.

James, born July 4, 1796, died unmarried November 19, 1816.

Stephen, born March 13, 1798, married Jerusha Amelia Wilcox, lived at North Towanda, subsequently removed West. His wife, born November 3, 1800, died August 16, 1860 and is buried in Riverside cemetery.

Richard, born October 18, 1801, removed to Warren county, Pa. and reared a family of considerable note.

Richard Wheeler, a brother of Isaac Wheeler (I—195), came from Kinderhook to Asylum about 1800. He died in the town.

Nicholas Johnson, a brother of Mrs. Isaac Wheeler, came from Kinderhook before the year 1800, first stopping at Towanda, then settling in Asylum. He removed to Ohio about 1833. *Richard Johnson*, a brother of Nicholas, followed him into the county. Both he and his wife died at Frenchtown.

Ambrose Vincent, who had also married a sister of Mrs. Isaac Wheeler, about the year 1805 joined his relatives in Asylum. In 1822 or '23 he was killed at Wysox by the caving in of a well. He had a son, William, who married Mary Cornelius.

Henry Cornelius came from Kinderhook to Bradford county about the year 1800. He joined the settlement of the Johnsons, Vincents, Vanderpools and Wheelers, having married Mary Johnson, sister of Nicholas. During the Revolutionary war, in 1778, he joined the regiment commanded by Colonel Shaick and served until he was captured by the enemy at Fort Stanwix and carried to Canada, where he was held a prisoner until the close of the struggle. He was given a pension by the government. Mr. Cornelius died on the mountain below Towanda on a little farm which he owned. He had a daughter, Mary, who married William Vincent.

The Millers, settling in Monroe and Albany, were from New Jersey and relatives of Mrs. Samuel Cranmner. They began coming to the county about 1800. Jedediah Miller died in Monroe, February 17, 1817, aged 76 years and his wife, Elizabeth, November 25, 1814, aged 63 years. Both are buried at Cole's.

Daniel Miller, born January 6, 1779, remained in Monroe until 1805, when he moved into Albany and settled at Laddsburg where he had begun improvements. He at first saw sore times, indeed. He was required to go to Fowler's to mill, a distance of 11 miles and had to cross the South Branch 16 times. One grist he put on his horse's back and carried a second one himself. Wolves were numerous

and their wild howls at night, added horror to the gloom. Deer were plentiful, but "venison all the while," became an unsavory article on the bill of fare. He manufactured maple sugar and carried it to Monroe and exchanged it for pork, until he could raise hogs for his own use. After getting a little start, with some old gearing which the French had left, he constructed a saw-mill and later a grist-mill. These were gradually improved and enlarged and became an important enterprise. He not only kept his mills in operation but cleared and improved a large farm. He was known as "the honest miller," was kind and obliging and a consistent Christian. His useful life came to a close October 8, 1856. Mr. Miller had married, February 19, 1802, Hannah, daughter of Gordon Fowler of Monroe. She bore her part nobly and lent her willing hand in assisting her husband. She was a great weaver and not only spun and wove for her own family but for her neighbors. Her demise occurred March 20, 1850, aged 70 years. The children of Daniel and Hannah Miller were:

Roxanna, born October 14, 1803, married Abraham Waltman, died October 25, 1868.

Elizabeth, born March 7, 1806, married Everett Vanloon.

Hannah, born July 4, 1808, married Joshua Vanloon.

Mary, born December 6, 1810, married Paul Quick.

Lovina, born May 20, 1813, married John Bolitheo, died September 3, 1881.

Daniel F., born December 26, 1815, died December 13, 1863.

Sally J., born August 6, 1821, married E. R. Jones.

Russell, born June 15, 1824, married Margaret O., daughter of Moses A. Ladd, died December 4, 1905.

Shadrach Miller, a cousin of Daniel, went from Monroe to Albany in the winter of 1814-'15 and took up a farm about a half mile south of Laddsburg. He kept bachelor's hall. He lived in the township many years then removed to Sullivan county where he died.

Jacob Miller, a brother of Daniel, located in Albany in 1818. He married Miss Susan Waltman, and after some years sold out and moved to Ohio.

William Miller, a brother of Jacob, also settled in Albany at about the same time as the latter. He subsequently moved to Sullivan county.

Moses Miller, another brother of Daniel and Jacob, settled on Hatch Hill in Albany. He was a successful hunter, and was noted for his honesty. He married Mrs. Nelly Carr of Monroe.

Dan Elwell, a native of Dutchess county, N. Y., born April 17, 1774, located at Milltown in 1798. He was a carpenter and builder by occupation, being an expert mechanic. Many of the old houses in Athens, yet standing, were erected by him. He married Nancy, daughter of Dr. Amos Prentice and spent his last days with a daughter at Van-Etten, N. Y., where he died April 19, 1868, aged 94 years, and having been seventy-two years a Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Elwell were the parents of nine children, John, Nancy, Prentice, William, Evert, King, Edward, Phoebe and Julia. Two, William and Edward, became noted men and Judges.

Hon. William Elwell, son of Dan and Nancy Elwell, was born October 9, 1808 at Milltown. He received a good academic education and taught school several years. He also engaged as a civil engineer and worked with his father at carpentering. In 1830 he began reading law and completed his studies with Judge Williston in February, 1833. Immediately upon his admission to the Bar, his preceptor took him into partnership and the young man soon proved himself worthy of the honor conferred. While the senior member of the firm remained in Athens, young Elwell came to Towanda and opened an office. His brilliant intellect combined with gracious manners and magnificent presence, soon won for him clients and highest social position. He was not as gifted in oratory as Wilmot, but his thorough knowledge of the law and tact in the presentation of a case, enabled him to talk with most convincing effect to "the judge and the jury." His perfect candor and transparent honesty were recognized and appreciated by the public.

Early in his career, Mr. Elwell took an active interest in politics, being at all times a true friend and staunch advocate of Democracy. In 1841 he was elected to the lower branch of the State legislature and re-elected to the same office in 1842. It was while he was serving in this capacity that he accomplished the abolishment of the Pennsylvania law imposing imprisonment for debt. This happened seventy years ago and the authorship of this righteous and beneficent enactment shed a glory on the name of William Elwell during the remainder of his life, and will continue to honor his memory.

Mr. Elwell continued to reside in Towanda until 1863, rounding out a full thirty years of successful practice and honorable citizenship, during which time he had contributed his full share toward the material prosperity and moral upbuilding of the town. Genuine sorrow was expressed by all the good people of Towanda, when it was announced that Mr. Elwell had accepted a unanimous election to the

bench in the district, comprising the counties of Columbia, Wyoming and Sullivan, and decided to remove his family from Towanda and take up his residence in Bloomsburg. A public banquet was tendered him and all the prominent citizens attended to bid adieu and wish the guest of honor God-speed.

Judge Elwell was three times elected (1862, '72 and '82) in the Columbia district without opposition, and very early in his judicial career his distinguished abilities and sound legal learning and judgment made him so conspicuous that his services in important and intricate cases were in demand in all the neighboring counties; not only that but in many instances, causes were certified to Columbia in order that they might be tried before him. Having reached four score years and his hearing becoming somewhat impaired, Judge Elwell decided to lay aside his judicial ermine and resigned his seat. Judge Elwell was twice married. His first wife was Miss Celemana Shaw and his second, Mary L. Thayer. He passed peacefully away at his home in Bloomsburg, October 15, 1895, leaving a wife and six children, William, Celemana (Mrs. P. H. Smith), Ephraim W., George E., Mary L. (Mrs. N. U. Funk) and Prof. Charles P. Elwell. His remains rest in Riverside cemetery, Towanda.

Edward Elwell read law with H. W. Patrick and concluded his studies with his brother, William Elwell, being admitted to practice in the courts of Bradford county May 12, 1840. He married Miss Ellen M., daughter of Russell Fowler of Monroe and practiced for a time at Monroeton and Towanda. Removing to Wisconsin he was elected a county judge. He also served as postmaster of his town.

Stephen Tuttle located at Athens in 1798. He opened a public house the same year, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. "He was a social, intelligent business man and his wife esteemed as a noble and Godly woman." After some years they removed to Elmira where they spent the remainder of their days in affluence.

George Welles, a native of Glastonbury, Conn., born in 1756, was a son of John, fourth in descent from Gov. Thomas Welles, the original immigrant of their line who came from England about 1636. He was a man of superior ability and a graduate of Yale college. In 1798 he located at Athens, as agent for and owner of Carroll lands in partnership with Richard Caton and his brother, Ashbel Welles. The next year he brought his family from Connecticut, and became rich in the acquisition of valuable lands. He died of fever at Tioga Point in 1813. Mr. Welles had married Prudence Talcott, their children being

Henry, Susan (Mrs. John Hollenback, Owego), Charles F., James M. (died 1817, aged 22) and Mary (Mrs. William Pompelly, Owego).

Henry Welles, the eldest son of George Welles, was a gentleman attractive in manners and popular among the people. He was elected state representative in 1809 and again in 1813 and '14. In 1815 he was chosen state senator for a term of four years. He became a favorite with Governor Snyder who appointed him one of his aids with the rank of general, a title by which he was generally known. "His business capacities were remarkable and under his personal supervision his grounds brought forth bountifully and his barns were filled with plenty." Wells township was so named in his honor. Mr. Welles married, first, a Miss Patrick, who died soon after their marriage in 1809. February 13, 1812 he married Sarah, daughter of John and Wealthy Ann (Gore) Spalding of Sheshequin. He died suddenly December 22, 1833, aged 53 years. Mrs. Welles, born August 26, 1794, died December 29, 1877. Their children who married as follows were *George* to Eliza Saltmarsh; *James* to Mary Wells of Aurora; *Henry S.* to Amelia Beardsley of Auburn; *Susan* and *Frances*.

Charles Fisher Welles, the second son of George Welles, was born November 5, 1789 at Glastonbury, Conn. During his boyhood he developed a taste for poetical study and composition. He took up the study of law but a natural diffidence prevented him from pursuing that profession. In 1812, when in his 23rd year, he was appointed by Governor Snyder the first prothonotary and clerk of the several courts of Bradford county. These offices he held six years, and the records made by him are models in neatness, form and accuracy. He was a man of varied and extensive reading and is said to have known more of the history of the county, its resources and men, than any other man of his day. He wielded a busy pen and contributed for the press some of the best poetic productions. "His political articles were marked by a breadth of view and urged with a cogency of reasoning that carried conviction to the mind of the reader, while the corrupt politician received scathing rebuke from his trenchent pen." In 1822 he removed from Towanda to Wyalusing where he engaged in farming and real estate. As a man of business he was punctual, ready, accurate, of unquestioned integrity, possessing a generous heart and a kindly feeling for the distressed. He kept up his interest in public matters and until within the last year of his life he never missed a term of court at Towanda. At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Welles was an ardent patriot and in every way encouraged its successful prosecution. His death occurred September 23, 1866 from the effects of a fall from a car-

riage. In 1816 Mr. Welles had married Ellen J., daughter of Judge Matthias Hollenback. Their children were Charles F., Sarah, Matthias H., Jane M. (Mrs. George M. Bixby), George H., Henry H., Raymond M., John W. (changed to John Welles Hollenback), William and Edward.

William Saltmarsh, who had served as a soldier in the colonial war, was a native of Stockbridge, Mass. He married, December 9, 1760, Elizabeth Patterson. They had three children, John, Elijah and a daughter. Their son, John, moved to Athens, 1801 and they accompanied him. Both were earnest Christians and Mrs. Saltmarsh a woman greatly beloved. The former died January 13, 1811, aged 77 years and his wife, April 1, 1816. Both lie in the old burying ground at Athens.

John Saltmarsh, son of William and Elizabeth (Patterson) Saltmarsh, came to Athens in 1801 from Fairfield county, Conn. He was a graduate of Yale college, an intelligent and useful citizen. In addition to being a merchant and taverner, he was justice of the peace and general lawyer for the settlement. The mansion built by him in Athens is still standing. He died November 9, 1815, aged 53 years, greatly lamented. Mr. Saltmarsh had married Rhoda Beach of Trumbull, Conn., who died July 4, 1847, aged 80 years. They had two sons and a daughter:

D'Alanson, born September 17, 1796, married Esther White; engaged many years, establishing post-routes under the government in Georgia and Texas; children, who married as follows: *Caroline* to Dr. John Fretwill; *Eliza* to George H. Welles; *Orlando* to Mary Redington.

Orlando, born July 8, 1798, married Sarah Goodrich; was associated with his brother in establishing post-routes in the South and died there, 1852; children were John, Goodrich and Louise (Mrs. Walter Comstock).

Eliza, born May 20, 1802, married William H. Overton; was the mother of eight children, one being the late D'Alanson Overton of Towanda.

Sartile Holden, born May 13, 1750 at Groton, Massachusetts, was one of the first patriots of the Revolutionary war, serving from the first call to arms in different commands during the greater part of the struggle. He fought at Bunker Hill and Stillwater. In 1778 he married Hannah Cook of Groton and after the war removed to Woodbury, Vt. Mr. Holden pursued an absconding debtor into the state of New York and by taking lumber and staves secured his debt. These he at-

tempted to run down the Susquehanna, but his raft lodged on Cole's island. He then removed the lumber to shore and worked up his staves into barrels. While engaged in this job he became acquainted with the country and purchased a tract of land at Macedonia, moving his family thereto in 1802. Here he continued to reside and make improvements until the close of his life. In his old age he was given a pension by the government. He died in April 1850, aged 100 years. His wife died December 28, 1840, aged 83 years. Their children were:

Beulah Bancroft, born August 9, 1781, married Charles Warren, died February, 1823 at LeRoy, N. Y.

Julius Sawtell, born December 13, 1783, never married; was a Seven Day Baptist; died December 8, 1852 at Macedonia.

Arthusa, born August 7, 1787, married Darius Davis, died at Saratoga, N. Y.

Hannibal Carthage, born May 20, 1789, returned to Vermont and died February 10, 1859 at Springfield.

Lydia Prescott, born January 24, 1791, married John W. Sweet, died November 11, 1852 at Macedonia.

Octavius Augustus, born July 15, 1793, never married. He was a gentleman of excellent education. For a time he was connected with the *Bradford Gazette*, the first paper published in the county, and afterwards edited and published the *Washingtonian*, a Federal organ. His last years were spent on his farm at Macedonia, where he died October 6, 1874.

Gustavius Adolphus, born June 15, 1796, married Catherine Howie and continued to reside at Macedonia until the time of his death, September 14, 1850; they had two children, George and Jane (Mrs. Moses Benjamin).

Nathaniel Hovey, who married Lucinda, daughter of Capt. Benjamin Clark, located at Ulster in 1802. He subsequently moved to Batavia, N. Y., enlisted in the War of 1812, was sergeant of a company and died near Sackett's Harbor in 1814. He left two sons, Simmons C. and William M. and one daughter, Hannah (Mrs. Hiram Horton).

Simmons C., born January 8, 1807, was one of Ulster's best and most useful citizens. He tenderly cared for his grandparents, Clark, in their closing years and occupied the estate after their decease. He was a promoter in all things, tending for the public good, a life-long member of the Methodist church and many years a local preacher. He was deeply interested in matters of education and served 25 years as school director and collector of taxes. He also held other offices of trust and in every instance served the people faithfully and well. Mr.

Hovey married Eleanor Boyce of Sheshequin. They had no children. He died November 19, 1886.

William M. died October 4, 1850 at Ulster, aged 36 years, 7 mos. and 14 ds.

Solomon Morse. Samuel Kellogg and Nathan Fellows with some of their children, February 11, 1801 were duly organized as a Congregational church at Poultney, Vermont. They immediately started for the "far west," arriving the same month in Smithfield where they had purchased homes under Connecticut title. Mr. Morse settled at Smithfield Centre where in 1808 he built the first grist-mill in the town. His daughter, Jemima Almira, baptized May 16, 1801, was the first person upon whom this holy ordinance was administered in Smithfield. Mr. Morse was a patriot of the Revolution and his record of service is contained in his affidavit of September 11, 1820, asking for a pension as follows: "That he the said Solomon Morse, aged 71 years, residing in Troy, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows; that in March, 1776 he enlisted in Col. Patterson's regiment of the Massachusetts line, where he served about 10 months and was then discharged; that he had previously served about 5 months in Colonel Hinman's regiment of the Connecticut line; that his family consists of himself, unable to labor by reason of age and infirmities, and his wife, Jemima, aged 65 years." Mr. Morse spent the last years of his life with his son in Troy township where both he and his wife died. They had two sons, Solomon and Benoni and two daughters. Both the daughters married and went West.

Solomon, Jr. married, December 11, 1806, Fanny, daughter of Michael Bird and settled in Troy township. They had two children, Betsey and Lorenzo B. Mr. Morse married for his 2nd wife, Elizabeth ——— and had children, Chauncey, Orrin D., Alonzo, Horace, Charles S., Adaline (Mrs. Samuel Owen) and Laura (Mrs. Adolphus D. Spalding). He died in 1858.

Samuel Kellogg, a mechanic by occupation who had fought for American Independence, removed with his family from Poultney, Vermont to Smithfield in 1801. His journey was by the way of Otsego lake where he launched a raft and floated down the Susquehanna, making an exceedingly perilous passage—the whole party being several times submerged in making the transit of the rapids. After settling in Smithfield he was given employment by Josiah Crocker in his fulling mill at Milltown. He would leave his family on Monday morning and return again on Saturday evening, bringing with him a week's supply

of corn meal upon his back. On one occasion a man on horseback who represented himself as being from Springfield chanced to come his way. Mr. Kellogg asked the stranger's kindness in transporting to his family a small grist as he would pass their home on his return to Springfield. This the stranger readily consented to do. When Mr. Kellogg returned to his family on Saturday evening he found them out of provisions and that the "Springfield man" had "accidentally" forgotten to carry out his promise. Mr. Kellogg was accordingly required to go back to Milltown that night to supply the wants of a starving family. His night's journey was indeed a gloomy one—his road was only a path through an unbroken wilderness and the wolves were howling on all sides. He obtained his grist, shouldered it and started for home which he reached as the sun was climbing the eastern hill tops. This is only an example of the many severe hardships to which he was subjected in his struggle for a livelihood in the wilderness.

Mr. Kellogg was something of an inventive genius. He invented a machine for shearing cloth which revolutionized the manufacture of woolen goods but brought no pecuniary benefit to the inventor. He was one of the founders of the East Smithfield Congregational church and its first moderator. He was a gentleman of deep piety and was generally known as "Deacon Kellogg." "He was a man of good sense, well educated for the times, skillful in the use of tools and an excellent mathematician." Mr. Kellogg was personally acquainted with General Washington and was present at his inauguration as President, 1789, in New York. He frequently repeated the ode which Washington selected for that occasion. It was from Sir Isaac Watts, the first stanza of which is –

"Mercy and judgment are my song;
And since they both to Thee belong,
My gracious God, my righteous King
To Thee my songs and vows I bring."

Mr. Kellogg's military record is given in his affidavit of February 6, 1821, asking for the benefits of a pension, as follows: "That he the said Samuel Kellogg in his 66th year, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Titus Watson of Colonel Burril's regiment of the Connecticut line, enlisting a short time previous to the 20th of March, 1776 under Lieut. John Riley and serving about one year; that his family consists of himself, unable to labor, his wife, Ruth, aged 54 years, enjoying a tolerable degree of health and son, Leverett, in his 34th year, unable to labor, being subject to fits." He died March 9, 1839 in Smithfield in his 84th year. Mr. Kellogg had married 1st Sa-

rah Rogers, their children being *Clarissa* (Mrs. Samuel Bassett), *Susanna* (Mrs. Butson), *Anna* (Mrs. Phineas Pierce, Jr.), *Cynthia* (Mrs. Ormell Tracy), *Timothy C.* married Diana Aldrich, *Alvira* (Mrs. Asahel Tracy), *Leverett* died unmarried. Mr. Kellogg married for his 2nd wife, Ruth, widow of Phineas Pierce.

Michael Bird, son of James and Deborah (van Presbury) Bird, was born January 18, 1769 in Roxbury, Mass. "In boyhood he was apprenticed to a barber and gave seven years' time and work to learn that trade, which then required special skill and gave the artist high social rank as well as good compensation. Becoming proficient in the art, he was often called to the house of John Adams and other prominent families to dress the hair of both men and women and to braid their cues for balls and receptions. He often dressed the hair of John Q. Adams. May 20, 1790 he married in Boston, Betsy Lewis of Billerica, Mass. Between 1792 and '97 they removed to Rutland, Vt. Cues had gone suddenly out of fashion, half his trade as barber was gone, and his vigorous manhood longed for a wider sphere of action, hence his removal from Boston."

While living in Rutland, he purchased 160 acres of land in Smithfield under Connecticut title, which subsequently proved worthless. In 1800 he visited his new purchase, cut down some trees, built a log house and made some improvements. He returned to Vermont in the fall and in March, 1801, with his wife and four children, came to his new home in Smithfield. "To obtain food for his family Mr. Bird would walk to Milltown and work until he had earned a bag of corn meal, then brought it home upon his shoulders. At one time he bought three bushels of corn at Milltown for nine days' work and paid 50 cents for grinding it and 50 cents more for getting it home. Assisted by his wife and older children he often spent his evenings making brooms. When he had as many of these as he could carry on his back, he would take them to Tioga Point and exchange them for family food and necessaries, bringing the articles home on his back. After a few years as the land was cleared to raise a few acres of winter wheat, a cow, sheep, hogs and fowls could be kept and the family lived in comparative comfort. Michael Bird and his wife were Christian people. He loved his Bible and reared the family altar in his home. He and his wife became members of the Congregational church in 1813 and he was for many years a deacon."

The farm settled by Mr. Bird has ever since been in the Bird name, the present owner being George N. Bird, a great grandson.

Betsey, wife of Michael Bird, born July 8, 1772, died April 8, 1823. Their children were Fanny, John, Eliza Abigail, Harry Lewis and Laura. Mr. Bird married, November 20, 1823, for his second wife, Mrs. Amy Knapp of Elmira. They had no children. He died June 23, 1851 in his 83rd year.

Fanny, born May 7, 1791, married Solomon Morse, died January 31, 1811 in Troy; children, Betsy and Lorenzo B.

John, born May 11, 1792, married May 12, 1814, Mary Miller Harkness, widow of Jesse Sumner, died April 11, 1875 in Smithfield; his wife, born January 7, 1791, died June 15, 1878. Their children who married as follows were: *Phebe*; *Luzina* to Enos Califf; *Lark* to Nancy L. Niles; *Orpheus King* to Anna Gerould; *Harry Lewis* died in California, 1850; *Eliza* to Alford Brace; *Laura* to James Bosworth; *Jane* to John Pease; *John* to Martha J. Phelps; *Mary*.

Eliza Abigail, born September 12, 1797, married, November 25, 1816, Ziba Gerould, died March 4, 1886; children, *Sophia* (Mrs. Lewis Wood), *Louisa* (Mrs. Jesse Sumner), *Betsey* (Mrs. Jesse Bullock), *Lewis B.*, *Phebe* (Mrs. T. J. Weed), *Henry M.*, *Clayton*, *Jane Eliza* (Mrs. Diton Phelps).

Harry Lewis, born September 30, 1800, married, October 4, 1829, Eliza Martin, died March 19, 1878; children, *Harriet L.* (Mrs. Brainerd Bowen), *Henry L.*, *Lydia E.* (Mrs. Jasper M. Spafford), *James W.*, *Harlan P.* (has attained distinction in public life as state senator, etc. in Wisconsin), *Mary S.*, *Orpheus B.*, *Charles M.*, *Albert Z.*, *John S.* and *Kate* (Mrs. James Carnahan).

Laura, born May 4, 1808, married January 26, 1826 Dr. Daniel Andrus, died August 24, 1861; children, *Fanny O.* (Mrs. Milton Bailey), *Mary L.* (Mrs. Seldon Tracy), *Justin P.*, *Wayland B.*, *Julian L.*, *Louman B.*, Elland and Wellner L. died in early childhood.

Amos Northrup was a son of Capt. Jonathan Northrup of English descent and was born September 7, 1757 at Reading, Fairfield county, Conn. On February 15, 1776, he enlisted under Captain Smith and Colonel Sullivan at Newtown, Fairfield county, Conn.; was taken prisoner June 1, 1776 and released the following November; reenlisted August 1, 1777 and was made a 1st Lieutenant under Col. Samuel Whiting, General Spencer and Moster. Mr. Northrup was educated for the ministery at Yale college but became a teacher. After the war he removed to Fishkill, N. Y. and afterwards in 1801 to Pike township, where he died November 18, 1834. He was married three times. His first wife was a daughter of Zopher Platt and his last, Susan Bowman, whom he married in 1818. One of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Perley H. Buck.

John Hollenback, son of George and Hannah (Barton) Hollenback, was born October 14, 1775 at Martinsburg, West Va. His great grandfather, George Hollenback, came from Germany previous to 1720 and settled in Montgomery county, Pa. In 1796 John went to Wilkes-Barre to live with his uncle, Colonel Hollenback, afterwards better known as Judge Matthias Hollenback. The first winter he was sent to Tioga Point with two sled loads of goods to replenish his uncle's store. Part of the way they could follow the Indian paths and the rest of the way they went on the river ice. He worked some on his uncle's farm, boated goods on the river and part of the time went to school. In 1798 he enlisted in the army under Capt. Samuel Bowman and was assigned to enlisting men for service in the prospective war with France. This duty performed and being strong, fearless and resolute, he was sent South to hunt and arrest deserters. His company was disbanded in 1800 and for a short time he engaged in the tanning and distillery business with his cousin (also John Hollenback) at Mill Creek.

The following spring his uncle made him an offer of goods to keep store at Wyalusing. On the 6th of March, 1801, he left Wilkes-Barre with 2400 pounds of merchandise loaded on a big "fish" canoe. It took him four days to push up to Wyalusing. He commenced keeping his store in the house that had been occupied by Guy Wells, which stood on the main road about 60 rods below the cemetery. He kept bachelor's hall and boarded himself until January 15, 1803 when he married Rebecca, the youngest daughter of Edward and Mary (Stalford) Dougherty, who had moved from Valley Forge. Mr. Hollenback's goods were brought from Philadelphia in wagons to Middletown, Dauphin county thence pushed up the river in boats to Wyalusing, more than 200 miles. "Previous to his coming, Peter Stevens had kept a few goods in his house, where the George H. Welles barn now stands; Major Gaylord handled a few leading articles and Joseph Ingham had kept a small store at Sugar Run, but none of them had ever had so large an assortment as Hollenback unloaded from his boats." He rafted the first raft ever run out of Wyalusing creek from Town's mill.

In 1801 he presided over a memorable celebration of the 4th of July at Wyalusing. Jonas Ingham made an address on "Disputed Land Titles," in which he defended the claims of the Connecticut settlers and denounced with great severity the adverse legislation of Pennsylvania; Uriah Terry composed an ode on the death of Washington, which was sung by Polly Sill; a huge bear, killed that morning

and roasted, provided meat for the entertainment. In 1821 Mr. Hollenback built a grist-mill, where Welles's mill now stands and at that time was one of the best in the county. He was for seven years postmaster at Wyalusing and long prominent in the business affairs and enterprises of that place.

In person, Mr. Hollenback was handsome, large, strongly built and of undoubted courage. The children of John and Rebecca Hollenback were Eleanor J., George, Nelson B., Harry Augustus, John Gordon, Edward Dougherty. Mrs. Hollenback died June 5, 1817, and April 26, 1818 Mr. Hollenback married for his second wife, Rebecca, daughter of John Birney. He died March 13, 1867 aged 91 years and his wife, December 25, 1884, aged 85 years. Their children were Rebecca, Clark, Eleanor, William, Charles, Sarah, Jackson and Chester.

Eleanor J., born October 14, 1804, married, 1823, Thomas Richardson, died January 6, 1825.

George, born August 26, 1806, married, January 22, 1833, Jane Gordon of Standing Stone, died December 30, 1878.

Nelson B., born January 7, 1809, died May 23, 1885, unmarried.

Harry A., born June 26, 1811, married, 1834, Olive A. Turrell, died August 17, 1888.

John G., born May 11, 1813, married Mrs. Bertha Davis, died September 25, 1877.

Edward D., born July 16, 1815.

Solomon Soper removed with his family from Manchester, Vermont to Columbia township in 1800. On the farm which he settled, improved and died he had a pioneer grist mill. His son, Heman, born in September, 1800, was the first male child and the second child born in Columbia. Mr. Soper had married Polly, daughter of Jonathan Corey, a Revolutionary soldier. Their children were Harriet (Mrs. Nathan Havens), Heman, Harris C., Thomas, William, Collins W. and George.

Collins W. succeeded to the homestead. He married Diadama, daughter of Alexander and Saloma (Daggett) Harris and had children, Elwyn, Walter, Ward, Edith (Mrs. Thomas Walker), Edson L. and Charles M.

Clement Corbin, born May 1, 1733 at Dudley, Mass., came with the Coburns from Connecticut to Warren township in 1801. He had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war, enlisting first in August, 1776, as a private in Capt. Samuel Chandler's company, 11th regiment, Connecticut militia, under Col. Ebenezer Williams; served around New York. January 8, 1778, he again enlisted as a sergeant in the com-

pany of Capt. John Williams in Col. Obadiah Johnson's regiment of Connecticut militia; served in Rhode Island. After removing from the East, Mr. Corbin and his sons, Thomas, Oliver, LeRoy, Relief, Payson and Penuel, devoted their time in carving out farms in the wilderness, sharing with their few neighbors the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The patriot father died in 1825 and is buried at Warren Heights. His daughter, Theda, whose death occurred in 1802, was the first adult to depart this life in Warren.

Oliver married Lucy B. Hill, died in 1870 in his 87th year and his wife, in 1880 in her 94th year. They reared six sons and three daughters—a family of teachers. Their son, Ira W., who married, March 5, 1835, Betsy Shurts, taught school more than 30 years. Another son, Dr. John L. Corbin, was long a practitioner at Athens.

Lodowick Greene was a son of Elisha Greene and Edith Stafford of Greenwich, Rhode Island. Elisha was fifth in descent from John Greene, the original emigrant, who came from England in 1635 and was also the ancestor of Gen. Nathaniel Greene of Revolutionary fame. Lodowick and his wife, Mary Pierce, removed with their children from Rhode Island to Athens township, settling at Greene's Landing in 1801. Here they spent the balance of their days. Their children were Henry, Benjamin, Franklin, Susanna, Thomas and John P.

Benjamin, born April 9, 1792, married Mary Brown and occupied the homestead where he died. Their daughter, Almira, married Giles M. Hoyt.

Susanna married Thomas Lane and lived at Greene's Landing; children were Mary (Mrs. G. W. Plummer), Sarah (Mrs. Gabriel Walker), Martha (Mrs. William Drake), Lucy, Wealthy (Mrs. Henry Mingle) and Jane (Mrs. Nathaniel Greene).

Willian Nichols, born, 1764 at Warwick, R. I. was the son of a zealous patriot of the Revolution, his father serving as a colonel in the war for American Independence. He went to Vermont and later to Balston, N. Y., where he married Mary Derbishire, a native of Long Island and of Dutch descent. After his marriage he settled in Chenango county where he remained until 1801 when he removed to Bradford county, locating at Burlington Center. He reared a large family and passed through all the trying experiences of a true pioneer. His death occurred March 25, 1861 at the age of 97 years and that of his wife, May 24, 1847, aged 74. Both are buried in the old church grounds at West Burlington. Their children were:

Charlotte married Hiram Nogse of Vermont.

Elizabeth died unmarried.

James married, May 23, 1822, Freelove Alexander of Burlington.

Earl, born April 18, 1798, married, July 2, 1823, Ursula, daughter of John T. and Cynthia (Campbell) Clark, was a pioneer in the forests of Burlington Hills, a man of prominence and thrifty farmer; he died June 26, 1866 and his wife, born October 9, 1802, died April 29, 1885. Their children who married as follows were: *Cullen F.* to Martha Smith; *James W.* to Ann Waters; *Maria* to Wright Spencer; *Adelaide* to Robert Knapp; *Adalinda* first to John Hill, second to James Wilson.

Harriet married Irvine Farnsworth of Smithfield.

Mary married Mr. Frink of Susquehanna county, Pa.

Jonathan married and settled in Potter county, Pa.

William Manchester married, February 22, 1837, Lucinda Scouten of Burlington.

Benjamin married, 1835, Nancy Maria Ann Neil of Franklin.

Emily married a Mr. Cunningham.

Oliver Bailey. the ancestor of the Baileys of Western Bradford, was the hero of two wars. He was a native of Haddam, Middlesex county, Conn. and there married Hannah Scoville. Some years after his marriage he removed to Berkshire, Mass. and in 1803 came with his wife to Granville township, Bradford county, where some of the family had already settled. Here he continued to reside until the time of his death, October 4, 1822, aged 84 years. In noting his demise, *The Settler*, published at Towanda, says: "Mr. Bailey was a soldier of two wars. He served through the whole of the old French war and was one of the first who asserted our independence in 1775. He served through the whole of that arduous struggle for liberty and was in many of the most important battles. He was one of the most respected and first settlers of Franklin (then including part of Granville), having resided in that place 19 years. He had 12 children, all of whom lived to have families and to an advanced age." The children of Oliver and Hannah Bailey were:

Oliver, *Phoebe*, *Hannah* and *Polly* all married and remained at Great Barrington. The others came to Bradford county:

Keturah ("Katy") married Uriah Baxter and had children, Keturah (Mrs. Elam Parkhurst), Chauncy, Betsy, (Mrs. Simon West), Hannah (Mrs. Benj. West), Ezra, Oliver, Roxy Ann (Mrs. John Vroman).

Martha married Jeremiah Taylor (I—325) and was the mother of three sons and a daughter.

Thomas married Esther ——— and had several children.

Scoville married Jerusha Hale of Haddam, Conn. and removed to Granville township in 1801. Their children were Julius, Jerusha (Mrs. Luman Putnam, Sr.), Eliza (Mrs. John Taylor), Hezekiah, Harry, Amanda (1st Mrs. Ambrose Spencer, 2nd Mrs. Samuel W. Shepard), Robert.

Timothy married Eleanor Harris of Barrington, Mass. and settled in LeRoy township. Their children were Harriet (Mrs. Eli Holcomb), Electa (Mrs. Marlin Holcomb), Lyman, Alvin, Abigail (Mrs. Jacob Roberts), Jeremie, Mary Ann (Mrs. Richard Benson), Lucinda or Cinderella (Mrs. George Browning), Warren.

Ezra married Lydia Andrus of Great Barrington, Mass. and settled in Granville. Their children were Elisha, Alanson, Elon A., Pheba (Mrs. Sullivan Morse), Julia A. (Mrs. Henry Saxton), Sophia (Mrs. Salem Stone), Alva.

David married 1st Lucy, daughter of Ezra Spalding and located in Canton; married 2nd Louise Loomis and had one son, William.

Prudence married, 1803, Hugh Holcomb of LeRoy, hers being the first wedding in Granville. She was the mother of Alonzo, Orator, Harvey, Judson, Emeline (Mrs. Tyrus Himes) and Ezra.

Henry Segar of Brattleboro, Vermont came to Towanda Creek in LeRoy as a settler under Connecticut title in 1800. He afterwards purchased 190 acres of the Asylum Land Company, which in 1819, he and his wife, Lenity, sold to Jacob Bowman. Their daughter, Emma Segar, taught the first school in Canton township in 1803.

Ebenezer Segar, came with his father, Henry, to LeRoy, where he remained until 1805 when he settled in Sheshequin. He married Sibyl (Brown), widow of Josiah Marshall and occupied the Marshall homestead until his death. Their children were Amanda (Mrs. John Brink), Patience Lenity (Mrs. Uriah Shaw), Charles E., Collins M., Julia (Mrs. Benj. Brown) and Henry.

Mix—The name is of English origin and was originally called Meeks. The first of the family to come to America was Thomas Mix who in 1643 settled at New Haven, Conn. One of his descendants, John Mix, lived at Middletown, Conn. He married Marcia St. John. Their children were Thomas, Amos, Ephraim, John, Sally, Polly and Olive.

Amos Mix, the second son of John and Marcia (St. John) Mix, was born June 10, 1754 at Middletown, Conn. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he joined the American army and served throughout that memorable struggle; a part of the time as a private under

Captain McJuster in Colonel Patterson's regiment of the Massachusetts line and was one of the patriots who crossed the Delaware with Washington on Christmas night, 1776. He married September 2, 1779 Amelia Pennoyer and removed with his family to Pawlet, Vt., thence to Crown Point and from there to Tonneburg, N. Y. and finally to Wysox, Bradford county about the year 1800. After a few years' residence in Wysox he appears to have lived in Virginia for a time but returned in 1824. He continued to reside in Wysox until after the death of his wife, then spent his last years in Towanda with his son, Col. Hiram Mix and daughter, Mrs. Isaac Myer. He was given a pension by the government in his closing years. Mrs. Mix died March 18, 1832, aged 70 years and her patriot husband, October 16, 1847, aged 93 years, 4 months and 6 days. Their remains repose in the Wysox cemetery. Their children were Anna, Sarah, Silas St. John, Julia Ann, George A., Hiram, William P., Amelia, Zebediah, Ichabod A. and Olive.

Anna, born September 21, 1789, married Mr. Pettes, died October 1, 1868 in Towanda.

Sarah, born December 21, 1791, married Isaac Myer, died in Towanda, September 23, 1881.

Silas St. John, born October 3, 1799, married Eleanor Mix, engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, Hiram, in Towanda, finally removed to Byron, Ill., where he died.

Julia Ann, born December 11, 1801, married a Mr. Durant and lived at Chattanooga, Tenn.

George A., born August 1, 1805, married and removed to Dubuque, Iowa where he died.

Col. Hiram, born September 12, 1787, married December 28, 1806, Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Martin of Wysox (I—162). He engaged in the mercantile business at Myersburg and became one of the prominent men of the county. In 1822 he removed to Towanda where he was a merchant for some years. He was the first burgess of Towanda and was popularly known as "Colonel Mix" from the rank he held in the state militia. He died at Towanda, September 8, 1847, aged 60 years. His wife, born July 9, 1785, died February 10, 1841. Their children were: *Eleanor*, born December 29, 1807, married, April 9, 1829, Silas St. John Mix and removed to Illinois with her husband; *William*, born August 8, 1809, married, January 18, 1842, Angelique Prevost, died July 26, 1881; *Emeline*, born July 15, 1811, married, October 25, 1831, Dr. Samuel C. Huston, died April 24, 1883; *Harry*,

born April 11, 1813, married, December 1, 1832, Diana Lawrence, died August 23, 1887; *Amelia Ann*, born November 2, 1814, married, November 10, 1841, David Barstow, died January 14, 1897; *Betsy*, born October 2, 1816, married, December 29, 1835 John F. Means, died August 24, 1882; *Matilda*, born August 14, 1818, married, December 19, 1834, Joseph Kingsbury, died December 31, 1901; *Hiram*, born October 21, 1821, died unmarried May 20, 1859.

Elihu Bishop, a native of Connecticut, who had married Mary Sweetlan, came to Wysox in 1803. He lived for a time at Troy, N. Y. but soon returned to Wysox and for some time had charge of the old Hinman grist-mill. He died April 10, 1852 in his 87th year and his wife, December 29, 1845, aged 75 years and 6 mos. Their children were Harriet, Joseph M., Mary and Alonzo A.

Harriet, born October 12, 1794, married Judge Harry Morgan, died April 4, 1868.

Joseph M., born May 12, 1802, married Adah C., daughter of Dr. Jabez Chamberlain (I—276); lived in Macedonia and died August 6, 1871; children, Helen (Mrs. Thomas Keen), Edwin M. and Irene (Mrs. Charles Kellum).

Mary, a lady of beautiful character died unmarried.

Alonzo A., born February 29, 1808, married Eveline B., daughter of Shepard Pierce. He learned the tanner's trade, built and operated a tannery on the back part of the Pierce place at the foot of the hill. Subsequently, he purchased the Ridgway tannery, which he operated for more than half a century and also manufactured shoes. He was noted for his energy, integrity and reliability as a workman. He died January 18, 1892. His children were Alfred S., Frances M. (Mrs. Darius Williams), Edward R., Elizabeth S. (Mrs. Jesse R. Smith), Mary (Mrs. Robert Austin), Joseph W. and Shepard E.

Jacob Dutcher was a settler on Wysox Creek in or before 1803. He at one time occupied the Barstow place and later the John H. Allen farm, about two miles above Myersburg. Here he is supposed to have died. His widow, Deborah, survived him many years. Their children were: *Jacob; John; Charles* lived at Danville, N. Y.; *Elijah T.* married 1st Miss Shackleton, 2nd Anna Allen, died on Pond Hill; *Polly* married Oney Allen; *Arilla* married William Morley; *Jerusha*, *Percilla*. The parents rest in the old Woodburn cemetery.

Abraham Dutcher, probably a brother of Jacob, was also an early settler of Wysox. He died before 1811, leaving a widow, Sarah, and at least two children, John and Freelove.

Elihu Smead was one of the original settlers within Troy borough, coming thereto about 1801. He continued his struggles in the wilderness of Troy until the time of his death, winter of 1825-'26. Surviving him were his wife, Eleanor and children, Roxanna (Butterfield), Reuben, Francis, Eleanor (Mrs. Junebeth Peters), Elihu and Louana.

Reuben married Marcie Ely and was the father of *Thomas Smead*, who was a prominent member of the Bradford County Bar, the county's first district attorney and a member of the state legislature, 1858,'59; the latter died August 12, 1861 in his 39th year.

Noah Wilson, the Alba pioneer, was an ardent patriot of the Revolutionary war. He enlisted at Rowe, Mass., August 14, 1777 and marched to Bennington, Vt. and with his company participated in the battle at that place under the command of Colónel Wells. Afterwards he returned home and immediately marched to Stillwater, thence to Saratoga and Ft. Edward and finally to Saratoga where he arrived the morning after the capture of General Burgoyne. He returned home again soon after, having served in this tour about two months, during which time he participated in several skirmishes. In May, 1780, he joined Captain Hastings' company in Colonel Jackson's Massachusetts regiment at West Point and served therein as a private six months. During this term of service he was present at the execution of Major Andre. In January, 1781, he marched to Danby, Vt. and there enlisted in the company of volunteers commanded by his father Capt. Ebenezer Wilson (who is buried at Batavia, N. Y.) in the regiment of Colonel Warner, or Colonel Herrick. He was marched to Ft. Castleton in the vicinity of which he was engaged in scouting expeditions and guard duty until June, 1782. In July, 1782, having removed to Granville, N. Y. he there enlisted in the company of volunteer rangers under Captain Solomon Baker and rendered duty upon the frontiers until the first of May following. He then enlisted at Providence, R. I. on the ship *Marcus*, commanded by Captain Olney, chartered as a letter of marque and cruised in the sound and towards the West Indies. While off the coast of Virginia the ship was captured by a British frigate and burned. He escaped to an island on the coast of the Carolinas.

Mr. Wilson married Mary Rowley and his subsequent removal with his family to Bradford county is thus chronicled by his son, Dr. Irad Wilson:

"Noah Wilson left Addison township, Addison county, Vt. some 16 years after the close of the Revolutionary war with a company of sixteen men to settle on the bank of the St. Lawrence river in Canada, but finding the same government there they had just emerged from, they unanimously resolved to return to

the south side of the river where the cross of St. George could find no congenial breezes to kiss its crimson folds. The journey of 200 miles was performed in 16 days on foot. Mr. Wilson was not willing to relinquish his desire to settle in a new country and hearing of the Connecticut grant in Northern Pennsylvania and Ohio, examined the title of the Connecticut company and believing it good, resolved to view the land. Accordingly in the month of April, 1802, he saddled a good horse and 'rode out into the west' and one day as the 'sun went low,' came to the place now bearing the name of Alba. The stream flowing by carried pure and clear water, and Mr. Wilson then and there named the spot which afterwards and for many years became his home, after the pellucid fluid Alba—white —an emblem of purity. Mr. Wilson spent the first summer in the wilderness at Alba and raised the first crop of corn that was grown in the settlement by setting fire to a windfall at the base of Armenia mountain (which Mr. Wilson also named), burning it over and planting corn among the logs with the peen-end of a shoe-hammer, that being the only hoe he could find in the country. He raised about 40 bushels of good sound corn which he stored for use in a crib until his family should come. He also cleared four acres and sowed it to wheat, the same also being the first of that cereal raised in the limits of the present borough. His home during that first summer was a little cabin about the size of an ordinary bedstead, open at one end and covered with bark. His bed consisted of hemlock boughs covered with a horse blanket. His bill of fare contained bread made by a Mr. Lindsay, then living on the Allen Taylor farm, the flour being brought from Athens on horseback; venison graced his board whenever he chose to kill a deer, and brook trout could be had for the catching—no hard job in those days. Bruin furnished the fat in which to prepare the 'fry'.

"In the fall of 1802 after harvesting his corn and drying what pumpkins he needed, he returned to Vermont for his family, with whom on the 5th of May, 1803, he began his pilgrimage for the West. His family consisted of his wife, four sons and three daughters, and with them and his goods he loaded two wagons, the same being drawn by five horses. Mr. Wilson had bought 3,000 acres of the Connecticut company and had surveyed the same. The newcomers found at Troy, Elihu Smead in a little log house with about an acre of the woods cut away to prevent the trees from falling down and crushing the cabin, and John Barber had about the same extent cleared near the site of Veile's steam mill. These settlers together with Caleb Williams, Reuben, Samuel and Aaron Case, and Dr. Reuben Rowley (his brother in-law) accompanied Mr. Wilson from Troy to Alba and with their axes cut and cleared a road for the wagons to pass. Late in the afternoon of May 20, the cabin of Mr. Wilson was reached and occupied by a portion of the family: Dr. Irad, then a boy of five years, sleeping under the wagon, while a sister slept in it and the accompanying men by the log fires which they kindled. The next day was occupied in making a better and more comfortable house, which was completed the same day, the roof of bark even being put on." Dr. Wilson says, 'we all lodged the second night in comfortable quarters. The bedsteads consisted of crotched sticks driven into the ground with little poles reaching from the cracks between the logs, and elm bark served as bed-cords. As we had more leisure, basswood planks were split for flooring and other preparations for comfort made. Being in a new country the next thing was to cut down the forest, clear up a farm and make a permanent home All our energies were extended in this same direction'".

The patriot father was given a pension in his closing years for his faithful services. He died at Alba in the spring of 1844, aged 84 years

and is buried in the village cemetery at that place. The children of Noah and Mary Wilson were Martha, Noah, Hosea, Almira, Malinda, Irad, Iram and Samantha.

Martha married Robert McKean (I—206) of Burlington, 2nd to Daniel Loomis.

Noah married a Miss Smith.

Hosea died in early manhood.

Almira married Silas Gray.

Malinda married Reuben M. Taber of Canton.

Irad, born January 20, 1798 at Addison, Vt., began reading medicine at the age of 16 years and practiced that profession at Alba for nearly half a century; he was chosen county commissioner in 1839 and elected state representative, 1843 and '44; was active in the state militia, filling the positions of captain and colonel and was best known as "Colonel Wilson"; was Alba's first post-master and kept up his active duties as ticket and station agent until past 85 years of age; he was a gracious and remarkable old gentleman; his death occurred July 4, 1884. Col. Wilson married, first, Sally M. Elliott and had children, Volney M., Charles S., Allen M., Iram, Addison, Maria, Hannah, Samantha, Sarah, Almira and Harriet; married, second, Ann Crandall.

Iram married Hannah, daughter of Jacob Grantier.

Samantha married Buell Smith.

Samuel Rockwell, son of John, was a descendant in the sixth generation from John Rockwell, the first of the family in America, who sailed from Dorchester, England, 1641 and settled at Stamford, Conn. His family moved from Berkshire county, Massachusetts into Vermont, whence in 1804, he emigrated to Bradford county, settling in Canton township on the farm occupied by the late Jacob G. Rockwell. He had married Hannah LaSelle and reared a large and highly respectable family. He died in Canton, 1849, aged 88 years. His children were Hannah (Mrs. Eli Parsons), Elias, Samuel, James, John Calvin, Luther, Laban, Rufus, Myron and Hiram.

Elias died in Canton, 1872, leaving children, Mary, Jacob G., Elisha and Niram.

Samuel died in Canton, 1848, leaving a widow, Elizabeth and children, Churchill S., Sophia (Mrs. John C. Rose), Hannah (Mrs. Joel Wood), Dianna (Mrs. Harvey Holcomb), Nancy (Mrs. Wm. S Baker), Samantha (Mrs. Samuel A. Taylor), Eli and Malvina.

James married and died in Canton, 1853.

John Calvin was a shoemaker by trade; finally settled in Granville where he cleared and improved a farm and died. He married Harriet

Andrus and had children: Sylvia (Mrs. Orator Holcomb), Emily (Mrs. John P. Bush), Samuel A., James B. and Eliza B. (Mrs. Hiram Stone).

Luther married Johanna, daughter of Jesse Marvin and settled in Troy township. Their children were Bingham L., Jesse Marvin, Alvord P., Martin B., Elvira (Mrs. D. W. C. Herrick), J. Calvin, Orlando W., Hiram L., Azor S. and Delos. The nine brothers were noted for their enterprise and success in business affairs and farming. The last named was a prominent attorney and state senator of the Bradford-Wyoming district, 1875-'77.

Rufus married Miss Mary Alvord and located at Troy. His children were Elijah A., Rufus C., Sheldon N., Emma (Mrs. Edward Purdy), Mary (Mrs. Hiram Wilson), Glycon A., Lydia (Mrs. Hazleton), California (Mrs. Charles Thomas), Hila (Mrs. Simon Stanton), John E. and E. C. Rockwell. Mr. Rockwell died, 1872, survived, by his wife Lydia (evidently second).

Myron was born September 20, 1804 at Canton. He was noted for his deep piety and was for many years a Baptist preacher. He married Mary A. Lillybridge and died, 1885, at Roseville, Pa., aged 81 years. Their children were Nancy J. (Mrs. Joel Webster), Myron A., Warren A., Horace W., Mary E. (Mrs. Ira Bement), Emma P. (Mrs. Frank L. Miller), Dr. Oscar H. and Ella E. (Mrs. Marchael Lefler).

Laban and *Hiram* seem to have settled in the West.

David Pratt who had married Hannah, sister of Samuel Rockwell, Sr., came with his brother-in-law from Vermont to Canton, 1804. He located one and one-half miles north of Canton Corners where he cleared and improved a large farm. Here he died, 1844, leaving eight children: Ebenezer, David, Asa, Jonathan, Betsy (Mrs. Wm. Roberts), Rachael (Mrs. Jesse Griffin), Julius and Chester.

Asa married Celia, daughter of Tilley Leonard of Burlington; died in Canton, 1860.

John Harkness who served his country in the struggle for Independence was born June 15, 1760 at Pelham, Mass. In 1777 he enlisted as a private under Capt. John Howinson, Colonel Porter's regiment Massachusetts troops and served two months; spring of 1778 again enlisted and served six months under Lieutenant Mattoon and Captain Lamb in Colonel Wade's regiment; 1780 entered the company of Lieutenant Taylor under Colonel Bailey and served six months. During his enlistments he suffered many hardships as the following will illustrate: "One cold night a squad to which he belonged, while looking for quarters found a log barn occupied by some hogs; these they drove out and made themselves somewhat more comfortable." Some time after

the war Mr. Harkness concluded he would move his family to "the rich country of the West" and take his chances with the other bold pioneers. He, accordingly, set out from his New England home with his family, stopping for a time at Salem, N. Y. while he went to explore the Genesee country. Finding the people sick with fever and ague, he became discouraged and took another course which brought him to what is now the township of Springfield. He was pleased with the country and concluded to make it his home. In the fall of 1803, in company with Ebenezer Harkness, Ichabod Smith and Alexander Harkness, single young men, he came to the township, selected a piece of land, built a cabin and began clearing. Late in the fall he returned to move in his family, his three companions remaining during the winter. On the 1st of March, 1804, Mr. Harkness reached his home in the wilderness with his family, the snow being two feet deep and he required to cut his road in from Smithfield. He moved in on sleighs drawn by two oxteams and a span of horses. In addition to improving his land, Mr. Harkness built a shop and manufactured churns and hand rakes with which he supplied the surrounding country. His home furnished hospitality to the new comers until they could prepare homes for themselves. In his old age he was given a pension by the government. He died November 14, 1843 and is buried in the Harkness cemetery. His wife was Rachel ———— by whom he had thirteen children: Alexander, Nancy, Nathaniel, Jacob, Silas, James, Rachel, John, Margaret, Oliver, Ezra, Hiram and Chester.

Nancy married Austin Pennock.

Jacob married Prudence Smith.

James married Dorcas Morley.

Rachel married Josiah Parkhurst.

John married Patience Severence.

Margaret married Joseph Stacy.

Oliver married Laura Bennett.

Hiram, born April 20, 1805, was the first child to see light in Springfield; he married Lorinda Boughton.

Chester married Louisa Smith. He was the last survivor of the family. In his youth he had many exciting experiences as the following related by himself will illustrate:

"Father kept some stock at a clearing known as the Camp Lot, a mile and a half distant from his home. Every evening it was necessary to bring in the stock as the wolves would play havoc with the calves. The duty of bringing in the

stock generally fell upon Chester. On one occasion as his father was leaving home he gave Chester special orders to get the calves up in time. When the father returned at nightfall he found that Chester had not obeyed his commands. In chastisement he commanded—'Chester, if I were to serve you right, I would send you yet to night,' and accordingly sent him off, undoubtedly first limbering his joints with a proper administering of beech oil. When poor Chester neared the lot the howls of the furious wolves burst upon his ears. How he could save himself and the calves from falling a prey to the voracious beasts was the great problem of his youthful mind, which he must not be long in working out. He at last has it—he will push on to the lot, mount one of the colts, let down the bars and run for home. His familiar call brought the stock to the bars, the colt is mounted, the bars dropped and away they go, horses and calves, pursued by the wolves. On the way Chester is met by his brothers who had armed themselves with an axe and carry a lantern. Chester is greatly frightened and on seeing his brothers, exclaimed—'I have got the whole business, calves, wolves and all!' The timely rescue of the boys saved Chester and the calves, and his narrow escape taught a careless boy a lesson which he never forgot."

Ezekiel Leonard, who fought in the American army and was with General Ethan Allen in his attack on Ft. Ticonderoga, was born July 30, 1751 at Springfield, Mass. He became one of the pioneers of Bradford county, and the advent of the Leonards into Springfield is thus described by a member of the family:

"In June 1803, Ezekiel Leonard and Austin Leonard of Springfield, Massachusetts, having been interviewed by Michael Thorp, a land agent, came to this locality to establish a new home. At Troy they met Joseph Barber, a hunter and surveyor, who lived near Dillin's mill. Barber took them into the valley at the western slope of Mt. Pisgah and assisted them in selecting a tract of 1,000 acres which they purchased. They agreed with Nathaniel Allen, living at East Troy, to build them two log houses and to have them by the 1st of November, 1803 for the sum of $75. The Leonards arrived with their families at that time. Mr. Allen had not built the houses but had a vacant log house into which the Leonards moved. Austin and Ezekiel built a hut by the side of a large hemlock log a few rods from the Leona M. E. cemetery, where they lived during the working days of the week the remainder of the year 1803 and up to the summer of 1804. On Saturday nights they went down the creek to Allen's settlement and stayed with their families until Monday morning. Then each with his week's rations, his axe and rifle, repaired to their hut in the valley, afterwards known as 'Leonard's Hollow' and now as Leona. During the winter they felled the timber on about 40 acres. They burned this fallow in May and planted corn amongst the logs, using hand-spikes for corn planters. They had a wonderful growth of corn, estimated at 40 bushels per acre. After their corn was planted, they built two log houses on the western bank of the creek and moved thereto. The roofs of these houses were made of hemlock bark and the floor of mother earth. Before cold weather, they made floors from ash lumber, which they split and hued to proper thickness. The news of their great corn crop brought additional settlers from Massachusetts. Austin built a saw mill in 1808 on lands of now Austin Leonard and thus added the luxury of board floors and roofs to their mansion in the forests."

Ezekiel Leonard had married Rhoda ———; she was born March

23, 1764 at Symmers, Conn., died December 27, 1842; he died suddenly August 30, 1834; both are buried in the Leona M. E. cemetery. Their children were:

Abi (Abigail), born August 11, 1783, married Abel, son of Austin Leonard, died January 24, 1864.

Laura, born June 16, 1785, married Joel Calkins, died February 27, 1843.

Ezekiel, born October 23, 1787, married Huldah Stever, died July 25, 1869.

Nathaniel, born December 18, 1790, died January 27, 1827.

Lyman, born June 3, 1793, married Abby, daughter of Moses Calkins, joined the Mormons and removed to Salt Lake City where he died March 18, 1877.

Eber, born July 27, 1795, married Sally Wilber, died October 27, 1871.

Frederick, born July 13, 1799, married Mary B. Rose, died February 4, 1882.

Albert, born July 24, 1801, married Cynthia Sargeant, died May 1, 1882.

Alfred, born September 21, 1805, married Hannah Mudge, died March 26, 1876.

Austin Leonard, born March 15, 1753 at Springfield, Mass., also said to have been a faithful soldier of the Revolution and a relative of Ezekiel, accompanied the latter to Springfield in 1803. He had married Nancy ——— and spent his remaining days in Springfield, where he died, 1826. They had four sons and a daughter:

Austin, who was a physician, never came to the county. He located in Canada and died there.

Abel settled in Springfield, where in 1812, he married Abigail Leonard, being the first wedding in the township.

Asaph U. married and settled in Springfield. He was a noted hunter and successful bear trapper. He was father of the late Sylyester Leonard who died April 16, 1905, aged 92 years.

Deborah married Joseph Grace, Jr., and was the mother of Ambrose, James U., Maria (Mrs. David Brooks) and Betsy (Mrs. Chauncy Brooks).

Theodore learned the printer's trade, married and for a time edited a paper in Boston. He came to Springfield a few years after his father and in 1814 was engaged upon the *Bradford Gazette*. He was a man of fine intelligence and splendid information. In 1827 he was chosen county commissioner. He was father of the late Lafayette Leonard.

Jeptha Brainard, a native of Chatham, Conn. removed with his family to Windham in 1801. He had been a sailor and served seven years in the struggle for Independence, ending by being captured by the British and confined in a prison-ship. He was induced to this section of country from the reports of cheapness of the lands, fertility of soil and advantages of water-power for the construction of mills. He first purchased under Connecticut title, which proved worthless, and lost all after having made improvements and constructed mills upon the property. Afterwards he purchased 640 acres of State's land and made an opening on the right bank of the Wappasening where he built his log house. Mr. Brainard is remembered "not only as a kindly and social neighbor, a capital story-teller over his mug of cider, but a prominent man in the pioneer settlement, being often chosen to adjudicate disputes." He had married, 1779, Abigail Mack of East Haddam, Conn., died July 3, 1825, aged 71 years; she died, 1837, aged 79. Their children were:

Darius, born October, 1780, married Tamar Williamson of Owego, lived in Windham where he died April 12, 1824, leaving a widow, one daughter and five sons.

Levi, born November 29, 1781, died September 25, 1817 in Windham, unmarried.

Drusilla, born, August, 1783, married, 1808, John Dunham and had two daughters and a son, John L.; died August 12, 1825.

Jeptha, born July 23, 1887, married, 1810, Betsy Smith; "he was an inveterate joker, and yet was appointed a justice of the peace and was licensed a Methodist preacher"; he removed to Illinois in 1837.

Henry, born October 11, 1799, died April, 1824 in Windham, unmarried.

Theron Darling came from Litchfield, Connecticut to Orwell, 1801. His father, Abel Darling, accompanied him. The former was prominent in the affairs of the pioneer settlement. He filled various positions in the state militia and was popularly known as "Colonel" Darling. In speaking of the "Great Hunt of 1818," one who remembers it well, says: "Among Colonel Stevens' hunters was Maj. Theron Darling. He was a man over six feet tall. In the chase of one of the deer on the knoll, a big doe, Major Darling stood still, waiting for the deer to be driven his way. He stood with his long legs wide apart. Suddenly the doe started toward him, ducked her head and rushed between the major's legs, that being the most available opening she saw for escape. The contact threw the major forward on the doe's body. He mechanically clasped his arms about her horns. Away the per-

plexed deer flew through the forest, bearing Major Darling, feet first, along with her. He held on and after the deer had run with him half a mile or more, he managed to catch her by one hind leg and trip her up. She fell heavily to the ground and before she could regain her feet the major cut her throat." Major or Colonel Darling married July 25, 1801, Sarah ("Sally"), daughter of John and Mary (Woodruff) Russsell. He was born May 26, 1779 at Litchfield, Conn. and died July 24, 1850 in Orwell; his wife died Feby. 16, 1870, aged 87 years. Their children, who married as follows, were: *Abel P.* to Laura Allis; *William R.* to Elizabeth Lovett; *Dennis R.* to Ruby Goodwin; *Polly Ann* never married; *Adaline H.* to John Beardslee; *Major B.* first to Mary Jane Beckwith, 2nd to Susan Wheaton; *Lyman H.* died unmarried; *Elizabeth* to Wm. N. Morgan; *Cullen R.* to Juliette Beebe; *Nancy E.* never married.

John Russell, a patriot of the Revolution, was born, January 3, 1754. at Wethersfield, Conn. He was the fourth son of Stephen Russell, a lineal descendant of John Russell, who sheltered Whalley and Goffe, two of the judges who sentenced Charles I of England to be beheaded. He was among the first to offer his services in the struggle for Independence, enlisting May 6, 1775 as a drummer in the 9th company, under Capt. John Clark of the Second regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, commanded by Col. Joseph Spencer. He participated in the battle of Bunker Hill; was discharged September 6, 1775; afterwards re-enlisted and fought at the battles of Long Island and White Plain, being wounded in the latter engagement. He married Mary Woodruff, sister of Capt. Samuel Woodruff and Mrs. Josiah (Lysena) Grant (I—300) and removed from Connecticut, 1800, settling near the present Loundsbery station in the town of Owego, N. Y. Here he remained four years, then because of continued sickness in the family returned to Connecticut. His occupation was that of shoemaker, tanner and currier. In 1814 the family came to Bradford county, settling in Orwell township, where they remained for a short time. Here Mr. Russell's wife having died, he went to Windham and spent the balance of his days with his son, Henry, where he died September 1, 1820. His remains repose in the cemetery near Windham Center. The children of John and Mary Russell were Edmund, Brazilla, Sarah. Samuel W., Mary W., Henry, John, William, Julius, George W. and Elizabeth.

Edmund, born 1779, married Clarissa, daughter of Josiah and Lysena (Woodruff) Grant (I—300); died February 21, 1840 in Windham.

"The intrepid Lieut. Edmund Russell, whose untimely death, 1853, at the hands of the Indians in Colusa county, California and so generally lamented, was a son of the above. He graduated at West Point, 1846 with high honors. In many

of the severest engagements of the Mexican war, between Vera Cruz and the Capitol under General Scott, he was the bravest of the brave; at Churubusco, Chapultepec and Molina Del Ray few reaped brighter laurels. For the skill in which he discharged his duty while in charge of a heavy battery at the storming of Chapultepec, he was flatteringly noticed by General Scott in his official report. At Molina Del Ray he was in the thickest of the fight, his company being almost entirely cut to pieces. For his gallantry he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He was afterwards in the command of the fort at Sault St. Marie and subsequently was ordered to California, when he fell a victim to the blind vengeance of the natives. A more gallant soldier never belonged to our country's 'banded chivalry'." He was 32 years of age.

The other children of Edmund and Clarissa Russell were Charles, Mary, Clarissa, Eliza and John Grant.

Brazilla, born October 2, 1781, married Esther Spencer of Hartford, Conn., died May 18, 1818.

Sarah, born Feby. 15, 1783, married Theron Darling of Orwell, died February 16, 1870.

Samuel W., born August 20, 1784, married Lucy Dickinson of Wethersfield, Conn., died August 21, 1852 in Windam.

Mary W. born 1786, married 1st Samuel Anthony of Litchfield, Conn., 2nd James Bush of Nichols, N. Y., died 1868 at Nichols.

Henry ("Harry"), born January 16, 1788, married Lydia Smith of Owego, N. Y., died September 21, 1871 in Windham.

John, married 1st Martha Wadsworth of Hartford, Conn., 2nd Lydia Wadsworth (sister of his first wife), died January 1858 in North Janesville, Wis.

William, born 1794, married Eliza Kremer of Middletown, Conn., died March 15, 1854.

Julius, born October 16, 1796, married, July 23, 1823, Eliza Seymour of Hartford, Conn., died February 9, 1868 in Windham. In 1842 he was elected, and served one term as Register and Recorder. He was father of the late Hon. Chauncey S. Russell of Towanda.

George W. married Susan Baer of Waterloo, N. Y., died in Wisconsin.

Elizabeth, born March 31, 1803, married Ivers Baker, died December 25, 1884 in Warren.

Adrian Post, whose ancestors were from Holland, came to Sheshequin with his family about 1801. He sold his property in what is now Paterson, N. J. with a view of locating in the Lake country. In the course of his journey he drifted into Sheshequin. Here he and his wife both died, the former about 1806 and the latter about 1835. Their children were:

Peter lived and died on the homestead, unmarried.

John married Betsey, daughter of Samuel Shores, and occupied a portion of the homestead. Their children were Anna (Mrs. Elisha Newell), Lorena (Mrs. Wm. Morris), Matilda (Mrs. David Kilmer), Ellen (Mrs. Leander Burlingame) and Dennis.

Elias married Lucretia, daughter of John Elliott and occupied a portion of the homestead. Their children were William, Joseph, Lottie, Anna (Mrs. Chester Childs), Jane (Mrs. Pratt Mosier), Lesulph (Mrs. James Schultz), James and Victor E.

Aaron also occupied a part of the homestead. He was a noted old-time pedagogue; was self-taught and began teaching at the age of 17 years, continuing for 40 terms. As a mathematician he possessed unusual talents. He married Cynthia Landrus and they had the following children: Lucretia (Mrs. Stephen Vosburg), Lorenzo D., Lemuel L., Martha (Mrs. Andrew Smith), John R., Margarat (Mrs. Chas. H. Preston), Laura (Mrs. Horton Shores) and Ezmorelda (Mrs. Llewellyn Harris).

Margaret married Joshua, son of Samuel Shores.

Anna married William, son of Samuel Shores.

Sarah ("Sally") married 1st Nathaniel Fuller, 2nd David Kenyon.

Reuben Shumway, a patriot of the Revolution came from Steuben county, N. Y. to Bradford county, 1801, first stopping at Wyalusing and settling permanently in Tuscarora, 1805. He was one of the trusted soldiers who stood guard over Maj. Andre. On another occasion when it was deemed necessary that he should perform picket duty at a place where several soldiers preceding him had been shot, he said to the officer in charge, "you will hear my gun before morning." That night an Indian covered with a hog skin, cautiously approached the sentry, a gun cracked and a dead Indian was found the next morning. The old hero was a thorough pioneer and spent his closing days in the township on lands which are still owned and occupied by his descendants. He married Miss Mariam Town, who died, 1819, being the first person buried in the old cemetery on Spring Hill. Their children were:

Esther married and never came to Tuscarora.

Silvenus married Esther, daughter of Benj. Hurlbut and removed to Ohio.

Darius married Catherine, daughter of Benj. Hurlbut, lived in Tuscarora where he was killed by the running away of a team in 1845.

Luther died in childhood.

Cyrus married Bridget Clark, lived and died in Tuscarora; was father of William, still a prominent resident of the town.

Alva married Rhoda Quick and removed to Illinois.

Reuben married Mary Ann Foster.
Sally died young.

James Anderson, a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, settled in Wilmot, 1802, living first on Sugar Hill and afterwards on the Wilson place in Quick's Bend. "On Sabbath mornings he would take his family in his canoe, push it up the river to near Browntown and then walk three miles to Wyalusing, the place of meeting; and though the way was long and the journey difficult, they were seldom absent from divine service." Mr. Anderson was noted for his great physical powers. His eldest daughter, Elizabeth, married Abial, son of Richard Keeney and lived in Wyoming county. Another daughter, Ellen, married William Lake and resided near Laceyville. In 1818 Mr. Anderson sold to Captain Wilson and moved to Ohio where he was killed, 1829 by the fall of a limb from a tree.

John D. Saunders came from Maryland to Monroe about 1802, settling the Ridgway place on the South Branch. He moved into his log cabin before it had either door or windows. A blanket was supplemented for a door and at night wolves would scratch against it in the hope of admittance. He made a considerable improvement, put up a mill and engaged in lumbering. Subsequently his mill was swept away by a heavy spring flood. Mr. Saunders married Joannah, daughter of Stephen and Joannah Latimer of Franklin. In 1822 he sold to Burr Ridgway and removed West.

Mason—The history of this family has been traced to the time of Cromwell in whose army a Mason served as a drummer and was killed in battle. He left three sons, John, Robert and Nathaniel, all of whom came to America. *John* settled at Hartford and gained distinction in the Pequod war as "Capt. John Mason." *Robert* located at Boston. His grandson, Robert, settled at Ashford, Conn. where he purchased land at a penny an acre. The last named was the great-grandfather of the Masons, settling in Bradford county.

Eliphalet Mason, son of Deacon Ebenezer and Mary Hastings Mason was born June 23, 1780 in Ashford, Windham county, Conn. His early life was spent upon a farm and in his father's cooper-shop. He obtained a good rudimentary education and with a view of preparing for the ministery he was advanced in his studies under direction of Rev. Enoch Pond. Circumstances turned against him and he abandoned the thought of a college education. He worked at coopering and gave attention to the composition of music, resulting in the production of a song-book, which became quite popular. In May, 1802, he started for Pennsylvania on horseback to find the object of his early affections.

After a journey of ten days he reached the home of Parley Coburn in Warren, whose daughter, Zilpah, he married, June 22nd following. During his stay in Warren he constructed an old-fashioned spring pole foot lathe by using old chain links for gudgeons and with a sap-tree gauge and framing chisel for his tools, manufactured six kitchen chairs and two spinning wheels, the first known in that part of the county.

In a fortnight he returned to Connecticut, coming to Warren again in October. He says: "My all as regards property was a horse, saddle and bridle, portmanteau and 31 cents in money. The horse I sold for $60." During the winter of 1802-'3 he taught a school of three months in Wysox and instructed in music at Towanda, Wysox and Sugar Creek. So well pleased were his patrons at Wysox, they hired him to continue the school for a year. In the midst of his prosperity his wife was stricken of fever and died June 15, 1803. Money was scarce and he received his pay for teaching in wheat. In the winter of 1803-'4 he taught a school of four months in the district of Wm. Means and gave instruction in singing at Monroeton. He purchased (1804) of Reed Brockaway his property in Monroeton, consisting of 12 acres of improved land with a log house thereon. "Here," he says, "I concluded to make my future home." Continuing from Mr. Mason's autobiography:

On October 22, 1804 he married Roxy, daughter of Gordon Fowler (I—336). Worked at coopering, winter of 1804-'5 in Lancaster county, and the following spring in company with Abner C. Rockwell made up a raft of lumber and took it down the river. Afterwards went to Northumberland county and engaged in teaching school until September, when he says: "After tarrying home about two weeks, in company with Rogers Fowler, Russell Fowler, Abner C. Rockwell, Daniel Miller and Warner Ladd, we went to explore the country through the wilderness in a direct line to Northumberland. We went up the South Branch of the Towanda Creek, leaving it at the old French saw-mill, which was the last trace of settlement on this side of the mountain." Upon reaching Northumberland, all the party save Mr Mason started back, he remaining in the county during the winter teaching singing and day school. In the fall of 1806 Mr. Mason says: "In company with my father-in-law and brother-in-law, Jonathan Fowler, we manufactured 250 barrels and floated them down the river to Wilkes Barre and sold them, but did not much more than realize expenses."

Winter of 1806-'7 he taught again at Monroeton and in the spring of 1807 at Towanda, continuing six months. October 24, 1807 he was commissioned a justice of the peace and held that office continually until it was made elective by the State Constitution. Turning his attention to farming, he purchased a possession of 120 acres a mile from Monroeton, erected a house and moved in with his family. In the fall of 1809 became interested with other parties in the erection of a saw-mill at Masontown. In October, 1810 was a judge for Towanda at the general election and carried the returns to Wilkes-Barre thence to Bethlehem with the vote for congress. Fall of 1811, Mr. Mason says: "I had concluded to commence the mercantile business, there being no store kept on the Towanda side of the river. Wm. Means having suspended business, at least for a time, left the coun-

try without goods for the consumption of the settlers. He continued business two years, then being unable to collect his bills and creditors taking advantage of his embarrassment, he was compelled to abandon the enterprise. In 1812 he erected the first steam distillery ever known in Bradford county.

Mr. Mason says: "Winter of 1813-'14 I taught school in the schoolhouse standing where the village of Monroeton now is. During my teaching Wm. Weston with his brother, John, then a young man of about 20 years, came to the place to instruct in the art of writing. They taught in my school and I took lessons of them.

Spring of 1814 I entered into an agreement with the young man, John, since Dr. Weston, to take a tour with him in the southern part of the state to instruct in this art. I returned the first of September without having earned more than enough to pay expenses." Fall of 1814 Mr. Mason was commissioned a Lieutenant of militia and with others was drafted in the War of 1812. A company of 110 men was raised and placed under his command and sent to Danville awaiting orders, but returned home after a month's absence. In 1814 he was elected county auditor for a term of three years and served as deputy sheriff under A. C. Rockwell the last year of his term. He moved to Towanda with his family, 1816. That year he was elected county commissioner over his brother-in-law, A. C. Rockwell, the Federal candidate.

Mr. Mason says: "In the spring of 1817 grain was very scarce. Corn had been ruined by the frosts of the fall before and every kind of food was scarce. It became evident that some one must undertake to supply the village with meat, and as I could best afford the time the task fell upon me. Indeed, so great was the dependence upon me that the villagers could not boil the pot without my providing. Summer of 1818 burned a kiln of brick which I mostly struck or moulded with my own hands, having become somewhat acquainted with that kind of business while living in Hartford." He was commissioned Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, 1818 and served three years. In 1821 he moved back to Monroe and that year built a half mile of the Susquehanna and Tioga turnpike between Towanda and Sugar Creek. He was appointed, 1824 with Edward Eldred and William Brindle to lay out a state road from Muncy to Towanda. While thus employed he also received the appointment of Deputy Surveyor of Bradford county. In 1829 he was again elected county commissioner.

In 1830 he was appointed agent for the Asylum Company's lands and in 1834 to take charge of the C. S. Miller lands. In conjunction with a Mr. Jones the Miller lands were explored and valuable beds of bituminous coal found north of the Schrader. In 1837 Mr. Mason and his son, Gordon F., purchased of the Asylum Company several thousand acres of land within Bradford county. They realized a handsome fortune from the investment. Mr. Mason continued in active and varied business till 1844 when he threw off most of his cares to enjoy his closing days. He found great comfort in making verse, reading his papers and frequently contributing an article to the press.

Mr. Mason was a man of genius, indomitable energy and undaunted courage. His integrity was unquestioned and of littleness he was never accused. His death occurred March 11, 1853. The children of Eliphalet and Roxy Mason were:

Zilpha, born January 26, 1806, married Isaac Rogers of Monroe.

Roxy, born December 10, 1807, married Charles Birch of Monroe.

Gordon F., born January 19, 1810, married Mary A. Mason, died

October 26, 1882 in Towanda. He was for many years extensively engaged in the sale of real estate; in 1846 was elected state senator; was several years engaged in the banking business and other enterprises; during the war was one of the most urgent in calling men to duty in the preservation of the Union; completed Blackstone and was admitted to the Bar at the age of 65 years; was familiarly known as "Colonel Mason" from his connection with the state militia. His children were *Julius*, *Addison*, *Maria* (Mrs. G. H. Watkins), *Almira* (Mrs. Charles Wells), *Irene* (Mrs. Daniel Searle), *Newton E.* and *Edward*.

Rufus, born January 31, 1812, married Elizabeth Foster of Towanda.

Eliphalet Hastings, born April 28, 1815, married, June 6, 1838, Philyndia Woodruff of Monroe; studied medicine and practiced at Towanda where he died February 3, 1871.

William A., born September 29, 1819, married Mary A. Cheney of Windham; resided at Laporte, Pa. and was a civil engineer and associate judge of Sullivan county.

Lemuel A., born March 22, 1821, died in young manhood.

Sarah, born February 4, 1826, married Jacob Veiley of Troy.

Ebenezer Mason, born October 2, 1782, came to Monroe, fall of 1820, through the influence of his brother, Eliphalet. He moved his family from Connecticut the next year. He was an all-around genius, being cooper, carpenter, wagon-maker and gunsmith. His son, William J., afterward occupied the place where he lived, labored and died May 10, 1873. He had married Martha Harwood, who was born November 28, 1780 and died February 27, 1868. Their children were:

Mehitable, born October 8, 1804, married Moses Kellogg, died May 19, 1881.

Henrietta, born June 10, 1806, married John Needham and moved West.

William J., born May 4, 1809, married Sarah Lantz and occupied the homestead.

Rufus, born October 1, 1810, went to Ohio, read and practiced medicine.

Mary A., born February 26, 1813, married Gordon F. Mason, died July 4, 1895.

Martha, born April 29, 1815, married Daniel F. Miller.

Elizabeth, born February 15, 1817, married Daniel F. Miller.

Margaret, born November 16, 1819, married Charles Boyles.

David, born May 2, 1822, married Mary Steel, died July 22, 1894.

Harriet, born December 24, 1824, married Anthony Mullen.

Alanson, born August 13, 1813, married Elizabeth Simpson.

Chester Mason, born June 10, 1793, brother of Eliphalet and Ebenezer, came to Monroe in 1821. He was a cooper by trade but gave attention to lumbering and farming. He occupied the Park's place and died there. He was an honest, sober, industrious, thorough-going Yankee. His death occurred November 25, 1843. He married Clarissa, sister of Libeus Marcy. Their children were:

Amelia married Samuel R. Mason of Philadelphia.

Laura married Isaac Foster of Monroe.

John married Elizabeth Ingham and lived at Canton.

Alva went to the gold regions when a young man.

David Blanchard came to the Towanda Creek valley as early as 1800. For some years he lived on the road between Monroeton and Towanda. About 1817 he moved to other parts with his family. Mrs. Blanchard is remembered as an ardent Methodist.

Perley (***"Parley"***) ***White*** located on the Daniel Bowman place, Towanda township in or before, 1801. As was the custom a hundred years ago he wore "buckskin trousers," and it is related of him, that he sold his leather pants to buy his wife a looking glass. In 1819 White sold out and went West.

Nathaniel Talcott came to what is now Towanda village soon after the year 1800 and kept a little store. He removed to other parts in 1809.

Lorenzo Hovey ("Hobley","Harvey") was a lumberman and began the operation of mills on Towanda Creek about 1800, first the old Hale mill and afterwards other mills up the creek. He appears to have left this section, 1810.

Jacob Wagner of Northumberland, Pa. settled the Weston place in Monroe township before 1804. He was one of the contractors in building the old turnpike. He left, 1815.

William McGill, a native of Ireland and stone-mason by trade, "to better his fortunes," about the year 1795 bade farewell to Hibernia forever and set sail for "the land of the free." For awhile he labored near Reading. In 1804 he came to Bradford county and found employment with Jacob Bowman whose daughter, Mary, he afterwards married. In 1823 he moved from the Creek to the Towanda hills where he ever afterward resided. He was a man highly esteemed and was familiarly known as "Uncle Billy." His death occurred Sept. 15, 1855, aged 77 years, 4 mos. and 5 ds. Mrs. McGill died June 29, 1849, aged 59 years, 1 mo. and 25 ds. Their children were:

Mary married Martin V. Moore of Rome.

Eliza married Benjamin Smith of Sheshequin.

Dennis married Susan Santee and occupied part of the homstead.

William married 1st Rachel Santee, 2nd Miss DuBois, moved to Illinois where he died.

Jacob married Eliza Thomas and followed shoemaking at Monroeton.

Marinda married 1st Edward Patterson, 2nd John Gorham of LeRaysville.

Hiram W. married Mrs. Emily (Sweet) Bowman, lived and died in Towanda.

Adelia married Byron Griffis of Susquehanna county, Pa.

Rebecca married Mallory Wolfe of Luzerne county, Pa.

Jacob Roals, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, came to Towanda 1804-'5 from Sunbury, Pa. He occupied a log house on Welles' flats a few years and from there moved to Canton, thence to the state of New York. His children were Mary, Elizabeth (1st Mrs. David S. Dimmock, 2nd Mrs. Elias Thompson), James, John, William, Margaret (Mrs. John Bowman) and Jonathan.

Wanton Rice located at Ulster, 1802 and opened a hostelry which he conducted a few years. In 1815 he sold his property to Charles Chapman and removed to Athens. An old tombstone in the Ulster cemetery bears this inscription: "Mrs. Mercy, consort of Wanton Rice and daughter of O. Gardner, died April 12, 1813, in her 42nd yr."

Merrill—The family of this name, settling in Bradford county, were originally from Hartford county, Conn. Eleazer, son of Abraham Merrill, married Rebecca Woodruff and had children, Solomon, Eleazer, Abijah, Joshua, Rebecca (Mrs. Daniel Doane), Theda and Ruth. After two of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill had settled in Litchfield, they came also, 1806 and lived with them until their death.

Eleazer Merrill, Jr. and his brother, Solomon, came from Farmingham, Conn. to Litchfield in the spring of 1803 and began improvements on the land which they had purchased under Connecticut title. After having erected log houses, chopped and burned fallows and sown grain, they returned East for their families with whom they arrived at their uninviting homes in November. They were Godfearing and heroic pioneers, enduring uncomplainingly the privations and hardships incident to life in a great wilderness. Eleazer Merrill, Jr. married Nancy Booth. He died April 4, 1855, aged 83 years and his wife in 1842, aged 74 years. Their children were:

Hiram, born March 3, 1798, married 1st Susanna Wolcott by whom he had nine children; married 2nd Nellie West; 3rd Mary M. (Wolcott) Wood—no children by last marriages; he died, 1879.

Nancy married Chauncy Park of Rome; died, 1862, aged 80, leaving a daughter (Mrs. Cyrus VanWinkle).

Elisha B. married 1st Celestia Arlington and had four sons and four daughters; married 2nd Rachel J. Halsey; died 1888, aged 87 years.

Milo married Catherine, daughter of Samuel Hulett and had seven sons and two daughters; died, 1871, aged 68 years.

Thomas B. married Eliva Rose and had eleven children; died, 1879, aged 74 years.

Ira married Maria Wolcott and occupied the homestead; they had seven children; he died 1878, aged 70 years and his wife, 1900, aged 86.

Solomon Merrill settled near his brother in Litchfield and died there, 1844, aged 74 years. He had married Abigail Stoddard who died, 1833, aged 55 years. Their children were:

Alma married James Burns and had five children; died 1839, aged 41 years.

Betsy married Benjamin Wolcott and had 12 children; died 1878, aged 79 years.

Cyrus married Nancy Matilda Hicks and had four children; died 1886, aged 84 years.

George married 1st Jerusha Boyington, 2nd Catherine Boyce; was the father of four children; died 1891, aged 82 years.

Anna married Elijah Munn and had seven children; died 1889, aged 81 years.

Abigail married Joseph P. Munn and had six children; died 1876, aged 64 years.

Theodosia married Robert J. Mastin and had six children.

The Wolcotts of Bradford county, descendant from Silas Wolcott, trace their ancestry in direct line from the Wolcotts of Tolland, England in Somerset where official records show the family settled as early as 1525. Henry Wolcott, the founder of the family in America, was the second son of John. He married Elizabeth Saunders, came to America in 1628 and two years later returned to bring his family. They landed at Nantucket, May 30, 1630. Wolcott remained in Massachusetts six years then joined a party moving to Connecticut. He settled at Windsor, where he died May 30, 1655. His third son was George (who married Elizabeth Curtis) who was the father of Josiah. Josiah married, April 25, 1740, Mrs. Lucy White French, widow of Joseph French and daughter of Capt. Daniel White. They lived at Saybrook and in New Hampshire and New Jersey. They had a son, Silas.

Silas Wolcott, son of Josiah and Lucy (White) Wolcott, was

born August 4, 1755 in New Hampshire. He grew up in New Jersey and drifted into eastern Pennsylvania. In April, 1776, he enlisted in the 13th regiment Pennsylvania line and served as a private under Captains Weitzel and Robb with Colonels Samuel Miles and Walter Stewart as regimental commanders until January 1, 1778 when he was mustered out at Valley Forge. While the American army was encamped at the latter place he had the distinction of being one of Washington's body-guard. Leaving the army he went to Lancaster, Pa., where he married Margaret Rowen the same year. Later he went up the West Branch of the Susquehanna and in 1788 settled in the wilderness, clearing a farm and erecting a saw and grist mill on a site now covered by the village of Havana, N. Y., being the first white settler in that section. Later he moved to Ithaca and finally to Litchfield in 1806. "He was a great hunter, the chase being a passion with him and it was the abundance of deer in this section that induced him to come to the county." He enjoyed the benefits of a pension in his old age. His death occurred June 4, 1834 in Litchfield. Mrs. Wolcott died December 20, 1844, aged 88 years. Both rest in the Park cemetery. Their children were:

Elijah, born March 29, 1781, married, 1802, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Park (I—152), settled in Litchfield where he died January 30, 1840; his wife died January 26, 1873, aged 85 years. Their children, who married as follows were: *Susannah* to Hiram Merrill; *Thomas* to Eliza Gillett; *Silas* to Maria McCauly; *Samuel* to Lydia Bidlack; *Maria* to Ira Merrill; *Elijah* to Harriet Rose; *Polly* 1st to Henry Wood, 2nd to Hiram Merrill; *William* to Asenath Hotchkiss; *Hannah*; *Amos Prentice* to Esther J. Munn; *Louisa* to Elias M. Hadlock; *Marion* to Walter K. Green.

Mary married Thomas Munn and was the mother of one daughter and 13 sons.

Dorcas married Joseph Pew of Ithaca, N. Y.

Minerva married Wm. Reed and removed to Michigan.

Silas married Effa Pixley and went West.

Benjamin married Elizabeth Merrill.

Margaret married 1st Samuel Park, 2nd Thomas Park (brother of first husband).

Loviah married 1st John Perrigo of Ithaca, N. Y., 2nd Asa Caufman.

John.

Parkers—Jeremiah, Joseph and Reuben Parker were in the Sheshequin neighborhood as early as 1794 and all quite liberal patrons of

Judge Gore. In 1799 Hezekiah, Jeremiah and Samuel Parker were petitioners with others for a road from Sheshequin to Rome. Their names and also that of Joseph appear on the assessment rolls of Ulster as late as 1804; the name of Reuben is not found after 1796. Whether these Parkers were of the same family who afterwards settled in Rome we are unable to state. Of the name, Samuel and Ephraim were the first to come to Rome.

Samuel Parker, who had formerly resided at Rensselarville on the Hudson, removed to Canton township where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Isaiah Grover (I—244). He remained at Canton until after 1813 when he joined the Bumpus settlement in Rome. He purchased first a tract of 106 acres (known as Townsend farm) which he afterwards sold and purchased a larger tract, embracing the J. B. Wheaton and Alvin Vanduzer farms. Here he toiled the balance of his years and died May 17, 1847, aged 74 years, 11 mos and 28 ds. His wife died January 28, 1854, aged 70 years, 3 mos. and 4 ds. Their children all of whom lived and died in the neighborhood were:

Julia Ann married Ephraim H. Parker; died December 5, 1882, aged 79 years and 1 month.

Judith P. died unmarried, April 18,1855, aged 47 years, 3 months and 5 days.

Roxie married Harlow Richards; children, Amanda (Mrs. Wallace Johnson), William, Julia (Mrs. Lewis Edwards).

William O. died unmarried on the homestead, October 24, 1861, aged 55 years, 8 mos. and 28 ds.

Sally married Lucius Eastman; children, Sarah (1st Mrs. Irvin Richards, 2nd Mrs. F. A. Bradley) and Joseph; died January 3, 1881, aged 65 years, 9 mos. and 23 ds.

James L. married Catherine Randolph; children, Florence R. (1st Mrs. Victor Lent, 2nd Mrs. Kuhnley), and Lydia J. (Mrs. Alvin Vanduzer), died February 11, 1890, aged 71 years, 4 mos. and 7 ds.

Olive Amanda died December 3, 1837, aged 15 years.

Isaac Parker, a cousin of Samuel, came to Rome a number of years after his son, Ephraim, had settled there. He married first Elizabeth Holbrook by whom he had Ephraim H., Isaac, James, Catherine, Esther and Betsy. By a second wife he had 12 children, none of whom settled in Rome. He died at Bumpville, February 1, 1853, aged 84 years, 1 mo. and 27 ds. Of his children:

Ephraim H. when yet a young man in his teens came from the Hudson with an axe upon his back and took up 25 acres, purchased at $3 per acre at Bumpville. He put up a log cabin, made improvements

and additional purchases from time to time until he owned 300 acres—fully 100 of which he cleared with his own hands. He was not only an industrious and good citizen, but a liberal contributor to the church. He donated the land for the Bumpville church and contributed money for its erection. He married Julia Ann, daughter of Samuel Parker. Their children who married as follows were: *Isaac S.* to Hannah Randolph; *Sanford E.* 1st to Betsy Jane ———, 2nd to Hannah Jane Hayward; *Sarah E.* to Nehemiah N. Merrill; *Mary J.* died in early childhood. Mr. Parker died July 21, 1872, aged 71 years and 10 months.

Isaac came to Rome and remained a few years. After the death of his wife, Margery in 1863 he returned to the Hudson.

Catherine married Cornelius Smith and settled in Sheshequin township; children, Esther Jane (Mrs. James Sibley), Louisa (Mrs. Stephen McKinney), Caroline (Mrs. Daniel M. Bidlack), Hannah (Mrs. Milo Merrill), James and Mary (Mrs. Wm. Vann). She died January 6, 1867, aged 60 years, 10 mos. and 21 ds.

Esther married John Wolf and came to Rome; children, Hannah (Mrs. Erastus Wagner), Catherine (Mrs. ——— Wagner), Peter, Jane (Mrs. Marcus VanCise), Ephraim and William. She died September 16, 1865, aged 77 years.

James married and lived on the Hudson; children, Ephraim and Ann (Mrs. Colvin).

Betsy died unmarried in the East; never came to Rome.

Achatias Vought who married Jane Oakley, a German girl, followed his brother, Godfrey (I –298) to Rome township in 1805. He settled in the wilderness on Park's creek about two miles north of Rome village. He was a man of industry and performed his part faithfully and with the true courage of a pioneer. He died May 19, 1845, aged 72 years, and his wife August 15, 1865, aged 93 years. Their eight children were:

Joseph married Hannah Ditrich and lived in Rome; died September 1, 1870, aged 77 years, His wife died November 3, 1863, aged 61 years, 5 mos. and 13 ds.

Peter, born October 22, 1799, married 1st Lydia Ditrich (sister of Mrs. Joseph Vought), 2nd Betsy Morris; died June 9, 1884 in Rome.

Thomas married 1st Lucy Gardner, 2nd Mary Allen; lived and died in Rome.

Isaac married Sally Russell; died in Rome, March 7, 1838, aged 33 years, 4 mos. and 21 ds.

Nehemiah married Beckie Morris and died on the homestead.

Anna married 1st James Holly of Standing Stone, 2nd Shepard Patrick of Wysox.

Phoebe married Asa Stevens of Standing Stone.

Esther married Abraham Towner of Rome.

William Elliott—The family from which William Elliott descended came from the north of Ireland during the early colonial period and settled at Albany, N. Y. Upon the breaking out of the Revolution, William and others of the family joined the patriot cause and served in the ranks. In May, 1777, he enlisted in the company of Hendrick Pulver under Col. Henry Livingston and served seven months, during which time he participated in the battle of Saratoga. After the war he and his brother, John, living near the Connecticut line, heard much of the Susquehanna country in its praise. Accordingly in the spring of 1803 John and William's eldest son, Joseph, came on to explore the country. In due time they arrived at Wysox, where John rented a farm and both remained until late in the fall. "They then returned East where preparations for the removal of their families to the new country were at once commenced. Three spans of horses and as many sleighs were loaded with household goods and supplies and the two families, numbering in all 20 persons, young and old, among them an aged grandmother. They crossed the Hudson at Catskill on the ice as well as many other streams in their way and drove down on the ice from Old Sheshequin to the cabin of William Means at Towanda, where they were furnished entertainment for the night." William rented Mr. Means's farm in Wysox, where he remained till 1805, then removed to Rome township, settling on Bullard Creek on the farm of now Preceptor Forbes. Here he lived the life of a pioneer and died March 31, 1847, aged 94 years, 7 mos. and 17 ds. In his last years he was given a pension by the government. He was buried on the farm where he settled. He was twice married and the father of twelve children as follows:

Maj. Joseph married 1st Barbara Lent, 2nd Eliza Johnson.

Thomas married Olive, daughter of John Fox and was for many years a prominent merchant in Towanda, where he died.

Samuel married Sarah C., daughter of Lawrence Rose.

John, *Hiram* and *Daniel* died on the homestead unmarried.

Larmon H., celebrated as one of the old-time pedagogues, married Polly Wright of Sheshequin; died in Tioga county, Pa.

James famous as a "deacon" in the Baptist church for half a century, married Catherine, daughter of John Lent; died in Towanda, Dec. 17, 1883, aged 95 years, 2 mos. and 7 ds.

Betsy married Samuel Bardwell.

Lucretia married Fred Morley.

Gity married Abraham Lent.

Catharine married Silas Gore; died Feby. 18, 1879, aged 86 years and 18 days.

Williams—Robert Williams, who had married Elizabeth Stratton, came from England, 1638 and settled at Roxbury, Mass. He married 2nd Margaret, widow of John Fearing, married 3rd Martha Strong. *Isaac*, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Stratton) Williams, born September 1, 1638 at Roxbury, Mass., married 1st Martha Peck, 2nd Judith Cooper, died February 11, 1707. *John*, son of Isaac and Martha (Peck) Williams, born August 3, 1667 in Mass. married Martha Wheeler, died November 15, 1702 at Stonington, Conn. *Benajah*, son of John and Martha (Wheeler) Williams, was born August 28, 1700 at Stonington, Conn. *Caleb*, son of Benajah, born, 1730, was a private in Capt. John Russell's company in sea coast defense, September 30, 1776 to November 22, 1776, stationed at Martha's Vineyard.

Caleb Williams, son of Caleb, born April 12, 1767, enlisted from Glastonbury, Conn., May, 1781 in Captain Bissell Phillips' company and served seven months; re-enlisted April, 1782 in Capt. Chapman's company, serving eight months; married 1st Nabby (Abigail) Andrus; married 2nd Eunice (Benson) Hathaway. Mr. Williams removed from the East, settling in the wilderness at Troy in or before 1802. He was both a blacksmith and farmer, a sturdy and useful man in the community. He died December 20, 1854 and is buried in Glenwood cemetery, Troy. Caleb and Abigail Williams had six children as follows:

Ansel, married Betsey, daughter of Aaron Case; lived in Troy; had daughter, Julia Anne, (Mrs. Edwin C. Williams).

Chester, born August 16, 1791 in New Hampshire, married Polly Brown of Caldeen, Mass. and had nine children. He was a soldier War of 1812.

Sally married Abraham, son of Aaron Case.

Johnson married Mary Anne, daughter of John Dobbins (I-211).

Warren married Betsey, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Mosher) Porter.

Laura married Stephen Dewall or Devolt.

Elisha Rich, a Revolutionary soldier from Vermont, settled near Troy village about 1804. "Early in 1808, Elder Elisha Rich and son, Elisha with others from Vermont and several who had been long sighing for religious company, met for worship and consultation, desiring that a church might be constituted. The visit of missionary Hartwell was improved and on Wednesday November 16, 1808 a church (Baptist)

was recognized, containing as many members as the world had people at the close of the deluge. The eight were Elisha Rich, Sr., Elisha Rich, Jr., Russell Rose, Moses Calkins, James Mattison, Phoebe Rich, Peggy Rich and Lydia Rich." Mr. Rich was enthusiastic in the work and preached to the people round about. He was known as Elder Rich. His wife was Peggie, sister of Churchill Barnes. He died March 16, 1812, aged 71 years, his being the first grave in Glenwood cemetery. The junior Elisha Rich was also a Baptist preacher. He died October 11, 1845, aged 65 years, 10 months and one day.

John Wilber, an ardent patriot of the Revolution was born October 18, 1760 in Washington county, Rhode Island. He married Abigail Johnson of the same state and had three sons and three daughters. His son, Reuben, having settled in Troy, Bradford county about 1809 he joined him and pursued the usual duties of a pioneer. In his old age he was given a pension for his faithful services in the struggle for Independence. He died November 9, 1846, aged 86 years and is buried in Glenwood cemetery, Troy. The children of John and Abigail Wilber were:

Samuel, born November 4, 1780.

Sally, born August 2, 1790, married Eber Leonard of Springfield.

John, born July 27, 1797.

Abigail, born May 5, 1801, married Jacob Kenyon of Troy.

Betsy, born August 10, 1805.

Reuben was born May 21, 1785 at Charleston, R. I.

He received an excellent education for the times, and gave early promises of those abilities and morals which were so highly recognized and rewarded in after years. In 1807 he came to what is now Troy township and purchased 300 acres of land under Connecticut title, unfortunately, his title proving worthless, he was compelled to repurchase at $4 per acre. At the outbreak of the War of 1812, his patriotism induced him to enter the American army, wherein he did gallant service and was rewarded with the position of paymaster and first lieutenant. At the close of the war he returned to the quiet life of farming. In 1824 he was elected sheriff of Bradford county and in 1830 state senator for the district comprising the counties of Bradford, Susquehanna and Tioga, serving a term of four years. As a lawmaker, he was cautious, prudent and honest, and favored all legislation which tended to develop the resources of the state and advance the general welfare of its citizens. In March, 1845 he was commissioned an associate judge of the county by Governor Shunk, a position he filled till December, 1849. He was a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1856 and cast the vote of the district for Buchanan and Breckenridge. He filled the office of state inspector of prisons by appointment of Governor Wolf and was also a member of the state board of equalization, discharging the duties of that office with such impartiality and justness

as to give general satisfaction to the people. "The most salient feature of his character was his indomitable energy and he never failed in anything he undertook." Judge Wilber married Sally, daughter of John Dobbins. Their children were *Jane* (Mrs. Alfred Parsons), *Polly* (Mrs. Thos. B. Baldwin), *Lydia*, *Stephen F.*, *Mary* (Mrs. Nelson Adams) and *Sarah* (Mrs. Albion Budd). Judge Wilber died November 4, 1881 at his home in Troy in his 97th year.

Lemuel Gaylord who came to the Tioga district in or before 1795 located near the state line in Wells township, 1800. He was a pioneer of considerable importance. "His wife, Sylvia, taught the children of her neighborhood gratis at her own house—this being the first school

in the town." Mr. Gaylord sold part of his land, 1813 to Aaron Gaylord and the balance, 1814 to Solomon L. Smith.

Solomon Judson, a soldier of the Revolution, and his son, Ithamar, with their families in 1803 removed from Greenville, N. Y. to Wells township, then a great wilderness. They were determined and successful pioneers. Solomon Judson and his wife, Naomi, were the parents of 11 children—Ithamar, Altha, Betsy, Abigail, Irene, Sally, William, Samuel, Isaac, Mary and Jane. Mrs. Judson died, 1824, and the patriot father, December 12, 1836, aged 86 years.

Ithamar sold to Humphrey Mosier and removed to Ohio.

Isaac and *Samuel* also removed to Ohio. The late Capt. Albert Judson of Wells was a son of Samuel.

William settled in Illinois.

Altha married Josiah Hotchkiss of Steuben county, N. Y.

Sally married William Seeley of Wells.

Mary married Joseph Capron of Wells.

Jane married James A. Osgood of Wells.

Mary married a Mr. Calhoun.

Abigail married a Mr. Warren.

Irene married a Mr. Root.

John Osgood came with his family from Tully, N. Y. to Wells township, 1804. Here he lived and struggled as an earnest pioneer until his death, 1844 in his 83rd year. His children were John, Sarah, William, Elizabeth, Levi, Mary, Thomas, Caroline, Shubael, Merrill and Esther. *William* was a soldier War of 1812.

Samuel Edsall emigrated, 1805 from Sussex county, N. J. to Wells, settling in the southern part of the town. He cleared and improved a large farm and was a prominent and useful citizen in the community. Many other families soon followed him from Sussex county to Wells. Mr. Edsall died, 1845, his wife, Sarah, surviving. Their children were Parmelia (Mrs. Benj. Seely), Jesse, Barton, Richard, Seely, Charles, Hila (Mrs. Nathan Alvord, Jr.), Elmira (Mrs. Solomon Bovier), James M. and Andrew J. *Jesse* and *Richard* were soldiers War of 1812.

Jesse was a prosperous and enterprising farmer, living across the line in Columbia. He died, 1861, survived by his wife, Clarissa, and children, Jonas, Austin, Sally (Mrs. Gustin), Emily (Mrs. Dalrymple), Hilah (Mrs. Havens) and Amanda (Mrs. Dunning).

Shubael Rowlee, who had served in the Revolutionary war, removed with his family from New Jersey to Wells, 1807. Here he con-

tinued to reside until his death, July 1, 1839. Besides his wife, Elizabeth he left children—Shubael, James W., Peter, George, Jonathan, Ananias, Elizabeth (Mrs. McLane) and Patty (Mrs. Kelly). *Shubael, Jr.*, was a soldier War of 1812 and served 22 years as a justice of the peace.

Ridgway—David Ridgway, who was a member of the Society of Friends, an extensive land owner and a man of prominence and influence in Burlington county, N. J., married Jane Burr. He had a large family, removed to Philadelphia in 1791 and soon after was accidentally killed. Three of his sons, Burr, Robert and David, came to Bradford county.

Burr Ridgway, son of David and Jane (Burr) Ridgway, was born April 17, 1780 at Springfield, N. J. In 1803 he came to Wysox to take charge of Judge Hollenback's store and house of entertainment. The following year he was appointed postmaster for Wysox, which was the only post-office between Wyalusing and Sheshequin. He purchased what is known as the Piollet farm but sold it in 1808 and purchased on Wysox creek in Rome township, where in company with his brother, David, built a saw and grist mill, which they subsequently sold to Sylvester Barns. In 1812 he removed to Towanda, clerked for Wm. Means, built and occupied a house where the Patton block now stands. He was elected county commissioner in 1813 and had also been appointed a justice of the peace and deputy prothonotary for the county. In 1814 he was proprietor by purchase of the *Bradford Gazette*, the pioneer newspaper of Bradford county. At this time there was not a mail route on the west side of the river in the county and only one on the east side—from Wilkes-Barre to Athens—once a week and back again. When Mr. Ridgway began publishing the *Gazette* there had been no improvement in mail facilities, but the people were very obliging and one seemed to vie with another in distributing the papers. Petitions were forwarded to the Postmaster General to have a certain mail route established, whereupon he issued proposals for two routes, which were to pass through several of the townships of the county for two years and the mail to be carried on horseback. Mr. Ridgway became the contractor upon both lines. He continued the publication of the *Gazette* for over three years when he sold to Lemuel Streator and Edwin Benjamin. In 1821 he was appointed prothonotary and clerk of the orphans' court, serving three years when he moved upon a farm he had purchased in Monroe township. After being here long enough to get his children "started" he returned to Towanda, continued to act as a justice of the peace and for a short time engaged in the mercantile bus-

iness. In 1846 he removed to Franklin township and for many years was town clerk and justice of the peace. It is thus seen that there were few men in the county who filled so many offices of honor and trust as he, and that his capacity and integrity were appreciated by his fellow citizens. He was an active Mason and member of Union Lodge 62 years. In 1838 he united with the Methodist church and was a faithful member until his death, August 19, 1876 in his 97th year. Mr. Ridgway married, October 10, 1804, Mrs. Alice Moger, widow of Nathaniel Moger and daughter of Moses Coolbaugh (I—164). She was born February 7, 1780 died June 8, 1858. Their children were:

Hannah M., born July 22, 1805, married George Tracy; was killed February 9, 1893 by the cars near her home in Monroeton.

David, born November 1, 1806, married Wealthy M. Salisbury and occupied the homestead in Monroe, where he died September 2, 1864.

James C., born August 28, 1808, married Samantha Fowler and died upon his farm in Franklin, September 21, 1878.

Lydia A., born July 6, 1810, married Thomas T. Smiley and died at Monroeton.

Mary E., born July 26, 1814, married Joseph Johnson of Monroe, died February 15, 1857.

Nancy J., born April 25, 1816, married Freeman Sweet of Monroe, died July 6, 1875.

Robert Ridgway, born, 1777 at Springfield, N. J. followed his brother, Burr, to Wysox. He purchased what is known as the Bishop place. On the stream flowing through it he built a saw mill and also put up a tannery, afterwards known as Bishop's tannery. He died September 9, 1817 at the age of 40. After coming to Wysox he married Eleanor, daughter, of Capt. Ralph Martin. She died May 30, 1846, aged 56 years, 2 mos. and 9 ds. Their children were:

Martin R. married Martha Sickler, died in Wysox, September 12, 1837, aged 30 years, 1 mo. and 16 ds.

Joseph B., born June 16, 1809, married Celinda Miner Hinman, died February 6, 1895 in Wysox.

Debir, born January 10, 1812, married Olive A., daughter of Benj. Ball, died October 14, 1877 in Wysox.

Sarah Ann married a Mr. Bruce, removed south where she died.

Achsah married George Granger, removed West and died in Colorado.

David Ridgway, born, 1770 at Springfield, N. J. also came to Wysox after his brother, Burr. In 1808 they purchased a property on Wysox creek and built a saw and grist mill. The original grist mill

contained two run of stone and stood about 20 rods farther up the creek than the present mill. Sylvester Barns purchased the property in 1819, improved it and finally rebuilt the grist mill with a larger capacity. David also owned a property on Bullard creek—the first after leaving the main Rome road. Here he put up a shop and manufactured furniture. Power was had to run his factory from a small creek, coming from a swamp above. Later, Mr. Ridgway built a shop on the main creek from which he derived his power. In May 1815, he advertised his product in the *Bradford Gazette* as follows:

"FANCY WINDSOR CHAIRS also common chairs, great and small spinning wheels, bureaus, tables, etc., of the best materials and workmanship. Manufactured at the shop of David Ridgway." Some of the furniture manufactured by Mr. Ridgway is still in use. Mr. Ridgway who was a Quaker by birth clung to many of the habits of that sect. He was well educated for the times and is remembered as a remarkably athletic man. He was the pioneer dentist of Rome and pulled troublesome teeth for the afflicted. His wife, Rachel, was always clad in Quaker garb and adhered to the habits of her sect. Mr. Ridgway died about 1847 and his wife not far from the same time. They had three children as follows:

Elizabeth, born December 16, 1791, married Peter Allen, died October 16, 1882 in Rome.

Jane M. married Hiram Woodburn and died October 19, 1890 in Rome, aged 81 years and 29 ds.

Edwin A. married Harriet, daughter of Nathan Maynard; occupied the homestead some years and then sold out and went West where he died.

Reuben Rowley enlisted March, 1777, state of Vermont, in Capt. Thomas Lee's company in the regiment commanded by Col. Seth Warner, serving until March, 1778 when he was discharged at Danby, Vt. He was also a sergeant in the detachment of Capt. Eben Allen, 1778 and in the company of Capt. Stephen Calkins, 1780. As a young man he acquired a knowledge of medicine and practiced that profession. In or before the year 1802 he removed with his family from Vermont, settling in Troy township on the farm of the late W. Alonzo Thomas. Here he made improvements and practiced his profession until age forbade. He died, 1834, aged 84 years. He had married Susannah Campbell; she died, 1840. Their children were Reuben, Susannah (Mrs. Jacob Thomas), Betsy (Mrs. Jesse Orvis), Seth and Samuel.

Elisha Luther came from Vermont with Noah Wilson to Alba in 1803. He settled on Connecticut lands which he had purchased of Mr.

Wilson. About 1812 he removed to Ohio thence to St. Joseph county, Indiana where he died. During the residence of the family at Alba, Patty Luther, aged 2 years and her mother, Cynthia Luther, in 1804, died; these were the first graves in the Alba cemetery. March 8, 1807, Elisha Luther and Eve Ryngor were married by Justice Samuel Gore at Ulster. *Polly*, daughter of Elisha Luther, married, 1807, David Soper of Burlington.

Enoth, son of Elisha, came to the county with his parents and removed with them to the West but returned about 1816. He settled at Luther's Mills and engaged in clearing land and milling. He was a soldier War of 1812. His death occurred at the age of 63. He married Polly, daughter of Amos Bennett of North Towanda and had children, Roswell, Enos B., David S., Myron, Hiram, Laura (Mrs. Elijah Granger), Amanda (Mrs. Benj. M. Clark), Elliott, Samantha (Mrs. Erastus L. Price), Mary (Mrs. David Strope), Ransom W., Angeline (Mrs. Stephen M. Clark), Adelaide (Mrs. L. F. Langford) and Burton K.

James Sellard was a son of Jacob who came to this country about 1750. He was born, 1758 at Norwich, Conn. and served in different commands, Connecticut troops, during the Revolutionary war. He married Lydia DeWolf of Norwich. Their son, Stephen, having settled in Canton, Bradford county, they came also about 1812. Here they continued to reside until their death, the former Sept. 5, 1824 and his wife, October, 1832, aged 76 years. Both are buried in the old cemetery, Canton village.

Stephen D. Sellard, born, 1781 at Norwich, came from Connecticut with his family, 1804, stopping for a short time at the Blockhouse then locating permanently in Canton. He was a soldier War of 1812. He died May, 1852 on the homestead which remains in the family. Mr. Sellard married Polly Spencer (b. 1782, d. 1869). Their children were:

Calvin S., born Feby. 28, 1803, married, Jan. 10, 1828, Rosina, daughter of Augustus and Liberty (Gillett) Loomis; died 1886. He was appointed captain of militia and was popularly known as Captain Sellard.

Enoch married Clarissa King.

Oliver married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Polly (Cowell) Watts.

Maria married Seth Porter.

James married Judith, daughter of John and Abigail (Tiff) Simpkins.

Lydia married John Turner.
Lucy married Horace Jones.
Ichabod, born March 24, 1821, married Harriet A., daughter of John King of Tioga county, died Oct. 21, 1877.

Thomas Bull followed his brother, John, from Orange county, N. Y. to Wysox, 1804. He settled on the farm of now Abel Lent, having purchased the improvements begun by his brother. He lived here a few years then sold his interest and removed to Macedonia. At the latter place he sold his farm to Joseph Sill and removed to Luzerne county where he died. His wife, Hannah Potter, by whom he had at least one daughter (Phoebe), died Feby. 18, 1819, aged 37 years and is buried in the Wysox cemetery. For his second wife he married Perthena Manville.

Wilber Bennett assisted his country in the struggle for Independence in the closing part of the war. About 1804 he and his brother, Robert, exchanged land which they owned at Wilkes-Barre for a tract of land known as "Plum Vale," extending from Myersburg to Gillett's bridge. They moved to their new acquisition and began improvements. Robert finally sold his interest and went West. Wilber remained and cleared a large farm. He was much esteemed by his neighbors for his good sense, and for several years filled the office of justice of the peace. He married Margaret Wickizer; died upon the homestead, April 7, 1841, aged 75 years; his wife died Feby. 26, 1847, aged 70 years. Their children were:
Asa married Amy, daughter of Napthali Woodburn.
Benjamin lived and died a bachelor.
Sarah married Samuel Reynolds.

George Scott, born November 17, 1784 in Berkshire county, Mass., having attained his majority, in company with an older brother, David, started for the "Sunny South" to begin life in earnest and make his fortune. The young men were both well educated for those days and had decided to engage in school teaching, when an opportunity presented itself, until something more congenial and paying should be found. Accordingly, some time in 1805 they set out with a single horse and drifted into Wysox, Bradford county. They made their business known whereupon the citizens called a meeting at the house of Burr Ridgway and George was hired to teach the school of the district. *David* found employment west of the river and taught school in the Means neighborhood. He also clerked for Wm. Means, read law in the meantime and finally went to Wilkes-Barre where he was admitted to the bar. He became a man of note—was prothonotary, elected to congress

and for several years president judge of the Luzerne district. George continued teaching in Wysox and having been appointed a justice of the peace purchased a lot next beyond the Brick Church and built a house thereon. Finally Miss Lydia, daughter of Henry Strope, "possessed the necessary charms" and he became a permanent resident of the county. Upon the organization of the county, 1812, he was appointed an associate judge and held that office until 1818. He was county commissioners' clerk from 1815 to 1820 and was appointed prothonotary, 1818 and clerk of the orphans' court, 1824, which offices he held till 1830. 1816 he was was appointed a commissioner to superintend the distribution of funds appropriated for the building of the State road, "extending eastward and westward through the county" and passing through Towanda. In the autumn of 1819 Mr. Scott moved to Towanda with his family. He edited and published *The Settler* from 1821 to '23. He was county treasurer in 1823 and for many years was prominent in the politics of the county, being a Democratic-Republican. He was a man of excellent judgment, unquestioned integrity and a patriotic and influential citizen. His death occurred March 2, 1834. Mrs. Scott, born February 29, 1788, died February 25, 1881, aged 93 years. Mr. and Mrs. Scott reared a large and prominent family:

Rowena, born April 23, 1807, married Burton Kingsbury of Towanda, died June 24, 1893.

David L., born Sept. 1, 1809, was a physician and practiced at Towanda; he entered the service of the Union and died Aug. 8, 1865 at Albany, N. Y. He married 1st Julia H. Kinney, the Sheshequin poetess, 2nd Elizabeth Whitney of Wysox.

Lawrence died Sept. 26, 1826 in his 15th year.

George located in Columbia county, was several terms in the State legislature, was canal commissioner and prominent in business affairs.

Wilson, born March 7, 1816, entered the legal profession as an associate of David Wilmot; died suddenly June 15, 1843.

Luther, born Oct. 6, 1818, married Oct. 8, 1839, Marietta L. Brown; spent most of his life in Towanda and was a tipstaff in the courts of the county 60 years; died Jany. 28, 1904.

William, born Dec. 19, 1820, married May 19, 1846, Anna Spalding; read law and was admitted to the bar but followed other business pursuits in Towanda; died Feby. 11, 1911.

Walter followed contracting a number of years; located in Baltimore, where he died.

H. Lawrence, born June 11, 1824, engaged in farming and business enterprises. He served as Register and Recorder, 1851-'54 and Collec-

tor of U. S. Internal Revenues, 1862-'69. He married 1st Lydia Helen Stevens, 2nd Catharine (Hart) Warford; died Sept. 11, 1891.

Lydia Ellen married Gen. H. J. Madill; died March 23, 1898 in Towanda, aged 72 years.

Clinton practiced dentistry and became a man of prominence in Eureka, Cal., where he died.

Pierce Family Timothy Pierce of Plainfield, Conn. was a descendant in the fifth generation from Thomas Pierce, the emigrant ancestor who came from England with his wife, Elizabeth, 1633-'34 and settled at Charleston, Mass. Josiah, son of Timothy, married Lydia Shepard. They had children, Job, Azel, Polly, Josiah, Shepard, Lydia, Chester, Dolly and Augustus. Of these Shepard, Augustus and Dolly came to Wysox.

Shepard Pierce, born April 29, 1780, when a lad removed with his parents to what is now Waverly, N. Y., settling near his uncle, John Shepard. Here his father, it is said, opened the first public inn in that section of country. He later removed to the Genesee Valley and died at Caledonia, N. Y. Shepard came to Wysox in 1806 and purchased the property still known as the "Shepard place," which he improved and occupied until the time of his death, March 7, 1866. He was greatly attached to the beautiful valley of Wysox and was an honored and respected citizen. He married, 1810, Sarah, daughter of Moses Coolbaugh (I—164). Their children were:

Eveline B., born Nov. 19, 1811, married Alonzo A. Bishop of Wysox.

Sophia L., born May 18, 1813, married Joseph Conklin, died Dec. 24, 1891.

Chester, born March 22, 1815, married 1st Harriet S. Lilley, 2nd Charlotte I. Brown.

Dolly N., born Jany. 10, 1817, married Daniel Drummond.

Eliza, born July 21, 1818, married Joseph Johnson of Franklin.

Amanda, born June 9, 1820, married, Aug. 31, 1843, J. Mason Wattles, died Dec. 13, 1866.

William A., born May 9, 1822, married 1st Anna M. Nagle, 2nd Anna A. Newell.

Sarah J., born June 18, 1826, died unmarried, Oct. 22, 1901.

Shepard S., born March 2, 1828, married Sarah A. Lilley, died March 5, 1908 in Towanda, being the last surviving member of the family.

Mary A., born Dec. 20, 1829; died unmarried.

Charlotte A., born Sept. 11, 1831, died unmarried.

Hannah M., born Oct. 2, 1834, married Wm. H. Morgan.

Augustus Pierce probably came to Wysox about the same time as his brother. He opened a store and under date of March 25, 1814 advertised merchandise "for sale" in the *Bradford Gazette* as follows: "A quantity of factory cloth shirting, 40 cents per yard; also gingham at 50 cents per yard; silk twist and hair combs of all descriptions may be had by calling at the house of Shepard Pierce in Wysox—Augustus Pierce." He married Lois, daughter of Ephraim Ladd (p. 12), removed West and died in California.

Dolly Pierce resided with her brother, Shepard, in Wysox where she died June 18, 1842, unmarried, aged 54 years.

Harry Morgan, son of James and Sarah (Dodge) Morgan, was born February 22, 1790 at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. When in his seventh year he was left an orphan, but a home was kindly provided by his aunt, Mrs. Mary Gilbert of Asylum and John Horton, Sr. of Terrytown. He was given a good education and early entered the employ of Judge Matthias Hollenback. After learning the Indian trade he was placed in charge of Judge Hollenback's store in Wysox. In the course of time he purchased several pieces of real estate and became a permanent resident of the town. He took an active interest in public affairs and being a man of fine sense, honorable and thorougly equipped foi public duties was soon called by his fellow citizens to honorable and responsible stations. In 1820 he was elected county auditor and in 1827 again chosen to the same office. He was elected county commissioner for a term of three years, 1835. In 1814 he was commissioned a justice of the peace, an office he continued to occupy by appointment and election for a period of 40 years. "Always compromising differences he was a well-known peacemaker." Feby. 10, 1845 he was commissioned an associate judge of Bradford county and performed the duties of that office for five years with ability and entire satisfaction to the public. Judge Morgan was a careful, methodical business man, a worthful citizen, a consistent Christian and supporter of the church. He was not only esteemed by his neighbors but was beloved by his Masonic brethren, among whom he held a high place. He married Harriet, daughter of Elihu Bishop; died March 21, 1872 in Wysox. His wife, born Oct. 12, 1794, died April 4, 1868. Their children were :

Edwin Wright became a man of national celebrity.

He was educated at West Point from which institution he graduated with high honors. He served as a Lieutenant in the Seminole war and was an important factor in the councils which settled the trouble with the Florida In-

dians. After serving in the Mexican war, ranking as Major, he resigned from the U. S service and established the Kentucky Military Institute between Frankfort and Lexington. The school was very popular and a great success, but was broken up by the coming of the Civil War, his cadets all joining the opposing armies. He was urged and offered the rank of general by two of his old commanders, Gen. Winfield Scott and Gen. Robert E. Lee, if he would join the army of either. He was a thorough Unionist but his health having giving way he returned to his old home in Wysox for recuperation. Later he accepted the professorship of mathematics at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., where he was teaching at the time of his death, April 16, 1869. Colonel Morgan as he was known was a man of rare attainments; he spoke many languages and could read in sixteen; he was one of the most practical and learned botanists in the country; his private library was valued at $100,000. His remains repose in the Wysox cemetery.

Amanda married Dr. John E. Ingham (I—170), lived to a very advanced age and was the last surviving member of the family.

Almeda married Rogers Fowler of Monroe; died in Chicago, Ill.

James Lyman occupied a part af the Hinman property and followed farming. He married 1st Hannah, daughter of Samuel Coolbaugh, 2nd Sally, daughter of Dr. Elisha Whitney; died July 29, 1898, aged 77 years.

Sarah Ellen died at the age of 19, unmarried.

Mary married Andrew Menardi; died May 15, 1881 in Towanda, aged 50 years.

Homan Beecher was a contractor and farmer, succeeding to the homestead. He married Mary Mowrey; died April 24, 1883, aged 54 years.

William H. was a civil engineer and dealer in real estate. He married Hannah, daughter of Shepard Pierce; died Sept. 13, 1876 in Towanda.

George H. graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and practiced medicine at Rome and Monroeton. He married Amelia, daughter of Cornelius Coolbaugh; died Jany. 19, 1861 in Wysox, aged 25 years.

Eugene D. F. joined his brother in Kentucky, married and died in that state.

Bird when about 19 years of age started for Key West, hoping to improve his health. He died on his way in one of the Southern states.

Stone—William Stone, the founder of the family in America from whom the Stones of Eastern Bradford are descendant, came from England and settled at Guilford, Connecticut, 1639. He was the ancestor of Ithiel Stone of New Milford, a zealous patriot, who served in various capacities during the Revolutionary war. Ithiel (Ethiel) married Martha, daughter of Capt. Theophilus Baldwin of New Milford by

whom he had four sons and three daughters. One of the sons, Edmund, and a daughter, Mary, wife of Abraham Taylor (I—231) came to Bradford county.

Edmund Stone, born at New Milford, Conn., married Susan Hotchkiss and removed, 1794 to New York state where he remained until 1803 then in March removed from the Butternut settlement to Pike township, settling on a possession he had purchased of Peter Stevens. The trip was made on sleighs there being good sleighing all the way. "The change from the school, church and social privileges of New York to the privations of the wilderness was anything but pleasing, but the same endurance that characterized the pioneers before them was shown by this family also." The children of Edmund and Susan Stone were Rathael, Marinda, Philemon, Calvin, Martin Luther, Anna, William, Edmund, Almon and Harriet. The mother having died, Mr. Stone married for his second wife Miss Fink (or Frink) and in 1809 removed to Bridgewater, Susquehanna county where he died in 1814, aged 50 years. By his later marriage he had a son, Hiram. His family was a prominent one, most of his children living in Bradford county.

Rathael settled at Camptown and was a worthful and influential citizen of the county. He married Sarah, daughter of Jonas Ingham (I—169) and had the following children: *Ingham*, born March 18, 1810, married Ann Eliza Smith and had four children, married 3rd Mrs. Eliza Stone; *Elizabeth*, born Dec. 11, 1813, married William Griffis and had two daughters, died Dec. 26, 1900; *George*, born Oct. 11, 1815, died unmarried; *Ulysses Philemon*, born March, 1818, married, Oct. 4, 1848, Theresa Homet, died Aug. 24, 1902; *Alexander Hamilton*, born Oct. 8, 1820, married Hannah Courtright; *Sarah Ingham*, born Jany. 5, 1823, married Augustus Lewis and had 7 children, died March 15, 1897; *Andrew Jackson*, born March 8, 1826, married Deborah L. Ingham and had 3 children; *Edward*, born Jany. 21, 1828, married Emily C. Churchill and had 2 children; *Mary* married Elmore Horton and had 3 children.

Marinda, born April 11, 1789, married, July 9, 1809, John Ingham of Camptown and had one son and six daughters.

Philemon married Fanny Noyes of Franklin county, N. Y. and settled in New York state.

Calvin, born Nov. 30, 1796, married Betsy Haywood, located in Herrick, where he died March 27, 1869; son Allison H.

Martin Luther married, May 19, 1817, Rebecca, daughter of Jonas Ingham.

Anna, born Aug. 15, 1801, married 1st Joseph Ingham and had children, Ellicott A. (b Dec. 3, 1829, d April, 1910), John Q., Mary (1st Mrs. Chubbuck, 2nd Mrs. Ash), Lois (Mrs. Ira J. Sturdevant, b Aug. 11, 1825, d Feby. 28, 1913); married 2nd Asa R. Brown; died April 1, 1883.

William married Eliza DeWolf, moved West and died in Iowa.

Edmund, Jr. lived at Camptown, died unmarried.

Almon married and lived at Merryall; his children were Alma, Winnie and Perry E.

Harriet married Jabez Elliott of Merryall; daughter, Mary (Mrs. Elisha S. Keeler),

Hiram married a Miss Terry and had a son, Eugene.

Samuel Dyer came from Connecticut to Pike township in company with Joseph Bosworth and Simeon Taylor, 1806. He cleared and improved a large and valuable farm, and was a man much respected by his neighbors. He married Huldah, daughter of Ephraim Fairchild (I—232). He died October, 1852, aged 67 years; his wife survived him 11 years. Their children were:

Harriet married Lyman White and was the last surviving member of the family.

Martha married Lyman Mattison.

William married Harriet Stevens.

Ephraim married Melinda Taylor.

Alvira married Henry Sherman.

Maria married James Baxter.

Charles married Susan Sherman.

Benjamin Hurlbut, a miller by occupation, came from Elizabeth City, N. J. to Wyalusing Creek, 1802-'3 where he was employed in the Gordon mill. In 1806 he removed to Tuscarora and took up a farm where he died about 1817. He had married a Miss Smith in New Jersey. Their children who married as follows were: *Esther* to Sylvenus Shumway; *Catharine* to Cyrus Shumway; *Eliza* to Mr. Brace; *Charles*; *John*; *Rebecca* to Wm. Clink; *Joanna* to Mr. Cook.

Amos Hurlbut, a brother of Benjamin, came to Wyalusing Creek with him. He married, Jane, daughter of Samuel Gordon and had a son, Amos. In June, 1803, Mr. Hurlbut had some words with John Dalton, who struck him across the head with a sharp instrument, causing his death. Dalton was tried for his life at Wilkes-Barre and through the obstinacy of one man was brought in guilty of murder in the second degree; he was sentenced to 18 years' confinement in the penitentiary at Philadelphia; was pardoned, 1808 and died soon after in a

hospital. This was the first capital offense within what is now Bradford county.

Stevens Family is of English origin. Three brothers, Simon, Cyprian and Stephen Stevens, came from England and settled at Lancaster, Mass. Cyprian had two sons, Simon and Joseph. Jonathan, the third son of Simon, settled in Plainfield. His third son, *Asa* was born May, 1734 and emigrated to Wyoming in 1772, where he held various offices. Upon the formation of the Wilkes-Barre Company to protect the settlers against the Indians and Tories, Mr. Stevens was made a lieutenant and was active in the service of the American cause until the battle of Wyoming. December 10, 1777 he took command of 11 men and marched up as far as Meshoppen after Tories and disaffected people. Ten days later he was one of a larger company that went to Sheshequin on the same business. In the Wyoming battle, July 3, 1778, he was numbered with the slain. The family with other fugitives fled to Connecticut where they remained until the close of the war when they returned to Wyoming.

Jonathan Stevens, the second son of Asa, was born July 16, 1764 at Canterbury, Conn. April 23, 1781 he enlisted at Brooklyn, Windham county, Conn. as a private in Capt. Samuel Williams' company, Col. Samuel B. Webb's 3rd Connecticut regiment and served until June 3, 1783 when he was transferred to the Connecticut line and discharged Dec. 31, 1783. On October 20, 1785 he was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor Adams of Brooklyn. He seems to have moved about considerable, the unsettled state of the country making all kinds of business very uncertain. In 1794 he removed from Wilkes-Barre to Braintrim, Wyoming county. Here he remained working a small farm and plying his trade of tailor until 1805 when he moved to Wyalusing, where he engaged in keeping a store and house of public entertainment. He removed to Standing Stone, 1812 where he spent the balance of his days. He was a man of superior abilities and fitted for important duties. In 1793 he was appointed a deputy surveyor for Luzerne county and in 1800 commissioned a justice of the peace. He was elected to the State Legislature, 1811, and May 11, 1812 commissioned a deputy surveyor for the counties of Luzerne, Bradford and Susquehanna, being recommissioned December 9, 1813. In 1814 and again in 1818 he was commissioned a deputy surveyor for the counties of Bradford and Susquehanna. The office at this time when the title to the greater part of the land in these counties was in the Commonwealth, was a very important and responsible one. In his capacity as surveyor of the state and for private parties he surveyed the greater part of Bradford, Wyoming and parts of Susquehanna and Luzerne. May 22, 1818 he was

appointed an associate judge of Bradford county and held that office 23 years. Judge Stevens possessed a very accurate and retentive memory. He was noted for his splendid judgment and strict integrity. Politically he was a Democrat and most of the Stevenses have been steadfast in the faith of their distinguished ancestor. His death occurred June 13, 1850; his wife, born Feby. 1, 1764, died October 11, 1834; both rest in the Stevens cemetery, Standing Stone. Their children were:

Albegence, born June 16, 1786 at Salisbury, Conn., came with his father to Standing Stone where he resided many years then removed to McHenry county, Ill. and died there in 1840. He married 1st Lavina Lake of Wyalusing by whom he had a daughter, Angeline, who was reared in the family of her grandfather Stevens and never married. His second wife was Thankful, daughter of Samuel D. Goff, whose children were Lavina (Mrs. Sebrian Baldwin), Aristides and Edwin. After the death of his 2nd wife Mr. Stevens married Laura Goff, sister of his former wife. They had Elizabeth (Mrs. Edward Kingsley) and two or three other children.

Asa, born Sept. 24, 1790 in Wilkes-Barre, settled in Standing Stone where he followed farming and continued to reside till the time of his death, Feby. 20, 1879. He married, 1814, Phoebe, daughter of Achatias and Jane (Oakley) Vought of Rome. She was born July 1, 1795 at Peekskill, N. Y., died March 23, 1876. Their children were: *Achatias*, born Jany. 10, 1822, married Sarah, daughter of Jabez and Lucy (Thurston) Sumner, died March 31, 1903 in Standing Stone; *Jonathan J.*, born April 24, 1824, married Elizabeth Roof of Standing Stone, died Dec. 3, 1901; *Joel*, born Feby. 7, 1828, married Sarah, daughter of George and Rebecca (Terry) Gordon, died Feby. 21, 1901 in Asylum; *Byron* married Eliza Vannest of Standing Stone; *Nelson* married Ann S. Stephens of Bridgewater, Susquehanna county; *Eleanor* married Alexander Ennis of Standing Stone; *Anna* married William Kingsley of Standing Stone; *Lydia* married James B. Bush of Standing Stone.

Seth, born Oct. 7, 1792 in Wilkes-Barre, remained in Standing Stone until 1824, when he removed to Albany township, settling at Laddsburg. Here he continued to reside for half a century, then went to Missouri where he died Nov. 12, 1876. He married Polly, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Lindsley) Lee of Albany. Their children who married as follows were: *Emma* 1st to Jacob Place, 2nd to John Irvine; *Solon* to Charlotte Smith; *Seth* to Jane Earl; *Ralph* to Lucinda Burdick; *Polly* to Peter McKernan; *Rebecca* died unmarried, 1885; *Ol-*

ive to Adam Young; *David* died unmarried, 1867; *Edward*, *Eleanor*, *Ellen* and *John* all died in early childhood.

Simon, born April 22, 1797 in Black Walnut, spent his life in Standing Stone. He married Harriet, daughter of Charles and Marie Theresa (Schillinger) Homet (I—264). She died Oct. 8, 1847, aged 46 years, 7 mos. and 6 ds.; married 2nd Mary ———. He died Nov. 16, 1880; children all by former marriage were: *Charles* married Martha, daughter of Madison Decker of Asylum; *George*, for many years a prominent merchant in Towanda, married Mary Eyer; *Ellen* married Wm. R. Storrs of Asylum; *Harriet* married (1st wife) M. J. Long of Towanda; *Mary* married (3rd wife) M. J. Long.

Lucy, born Aug. 20, 1799, married Charles F. Homet of Wyalusing and had children, Francis, Theresa (Mrs. U. Philemon Stone), Jonathan, Edward, Milton, Charles S., Volney, Seth and Joseph A.

Jonathan, born July 6, 1801, married June 24, 1824, Sally, daughter of William and Hannah Coolbaugh of Macedonia. He spent the greater part of his life in Macedonia, where he died Dec. 23, 1879. His wife, born Jany. 6, 1806, died June 2, 1865. Their children were: *Lucy*, born March 30, 1825, married Robt. C. Smalley of Towanda, died May 11, 1900; *Sarah*, born March 2, 1826, died unmarried April 5, 1906; *Hiram*, born March 20, 1828, married Elizabeth Irvine, died June 14, 1884 at Liberty Corners; *Sophia*, born Dec. 16, 1829, married Daniel Howell of Scranton, died April 1, 1886; *Henry T.*, born June 5, 1831, married Mary Goodman of Owego, N. Y., died Oct. 2, 1899 in Towanda; *Frances Ann*, born July 21, 1836, married Edwin M. Bishop, died April 25, 1908; *Smith*, born May 19, 1838, died unmarried Dec. 30, 1907; *John M.*, born Sept. 9, 1841, married Urania Stalford of Wyalusing, occupied the homestead where he died Feby. 6, 1905.

Sarah, born March 26, 1803, married Richard Huyck of Standing Stone. They had one child, John, who removed West.

Eleanor, born Oct. 12, 1808, died unmarried in Standing Stone.

Jesse and Samuel Edsell, brothers, located in Pike township in or before 1802. Both were men of considerable importance in the early history of the town. Samuel was a school teacher and Jesse followed farming. Jesse by his wife Polly had three children: *Jackson* who became a physician and made an European trip; *Grant* a school teacher; and *Elizabeth* who died in Pike unmarried.

Preserved Buffington, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, followed his brother-in-law, William Arnold (I—303) from Rhode Island to Warren township about 1805. He was a man of high standing in the community and reared a large family. In his old age he was given

the benefits of a pension. He died July 23, 1843 in Warren, aged 83 years. His children were Lydia (Mrs. Wm. Gray), Phœbe (Mrs. Samuel Lewis), William, Content (Mrs. Jesse Brockway), Benjamin, Sally (Mrs. Livingston Jenks), Luther, Calvin and Cynthia (Mrs. Nathan Pendleton).

William died in 1843 leaving children, Nathan H. and Mary Ann. His widow married James Arnold.

Benjamin married 1st Experience Coburn, 2nd Rebecca Coburn, 3rd Charlotte Gridley. He died Sept. 16, 1851, survived by his last wife and six children: Emeline (Mrs. Giles N. DeWolf), Content (Mrs. Calvin V. Arnold), Rufus C. (married Dec. 24, 1843 Catherine Wheaton), Charlotte R., Sarah E. and Chester P.

Shoemaker—Benjamin Shoemaker married Elizabeth Depuy and was living in the Wyoming Valley during the severe trials of the Revolution. Two of his sons, Lieut. Elijah and Daniel, entered the American army and were brave soldiers. The former at the battle of Wyoming after having surrendered was cruelly put to death by the brutal Windecker. Daniel married Ann, daughter of John McDowell, the noted generous-hearted Scotch patriot of Stroudsburg, whose wife was Hannah, daughter of Nicholas and Wyntie (Roosa) Depuy. In 1801 he removed from Monroe county, Pa. to Nichols, N. Y., where he lived until his death. One of his sons was Benjamin.

Benjamin Shoemaker, son of Daniel and Ann (McDowell) Shoemaker, evidently came to this section at the same time as his father. In 1813 he purchased the Brainerd grist-mill and a tract of land on the Wappusening and moved to Windham. He also opened a public-house which was a popular and far-famed stopping-place. He was a thrifty and enterprising pioneer. His wife was Eunice Shaw of Cherry Creek, Northampton county. Mr. Shoemaker died, 1825 and his affairs and hotel were afterwards successfully conducted by his widow. She died in 1857, aged 77 years. They reared a family of five sons, Richard S., Samuel B., Elijah 2nd, Daniel and John, and two daughters, Anna (Mrs. Sylvenus Dunham) and Mary M. (Mrs. Hiram Lathrop). The family was a prominent one, all the sons becoming prosperous and successful business men and farmers.

Nathaniel Fuller, who had married Sally, daughter of Adrian Post, came from New Jersey to Sheshequin with his father-in-law's family, 1801. He enlisted in the War of 1812 and was killed in an engagement with the enemy. He left one son; the widow afterwards married David Kenyon. The son,

Richard H., born Aug. 16, 1811, was reared in the family of his

uncle, Elias Post. He married Celinda, daughter of Col. Franklin Blackman. For many years he was a contractor and builder in masonry. He died June 7, 1880 at East Waverly, N. Y. His wife died Dec. 17, 1898 in her 83rd year. Their children were Charles R., Lois (Mrs. I. N. Andre), George L., Eunice E. (Mrs. Edward Rose), Harriet E. (Mrs. Chas. Cunamon), Frank A. and Miner P.

John Elliott, brother of William (p 58), came from Connecticut to Wysox, 1803. In 1814 he removed to Sheshequin and pursued his occupation of shoemaker. His wife was Elizabeth Snyder, a German woman. She died April 14, 1818 in her 47th year; he died July 4, 1857 in his 88th year. Their children were:

Joseph married Jemima, daughter of Elijah M. Horton; removed to Kansas, where he died, 1873; children, Isaac, William H., Joseph M., Urbain, Sally (Mrs. Ulysses Horton) and Jemima (Mrs. Thomas McMahon).

Hannah married Isaac S. Horton of Ghent.

Polly married Wm. Russell of Rome.

Rachel married Daniel Hill of Sheshequin.

Lucretia married Elias Post.

John Christian Forbes was born Oct. 25, 1759 at Brunswick, Germany, where his father was a large stock raiser. When he was 16 years old he was sent by his father to deliver to the coast a drove of cattle which he had sold to the British government. Officers of the British vessel persuaded him to go aboard on the promise that the ship would land near his home and much sooner than he could travel overland. After the vessel was out of sight of land, it dawned upon the young drover that he had been tricked and was being carried to some other part of the world. When he was finally landed it was in America, being informed at the same time that he would be compelled to serve in the British army. He continued with the King's troops until a good opportunity presented itself, then deserted and espoused the American cause, giving his aid in the struggle for Independence till the close of the war. He settled on the Delaware in Delaware county, N. Y., where, July 3, 1783, he married Deborah Williams. In 1806 he removed to Sheshequin with his family and there resided until his death, April 19, 1853, aged 93½ years. He is remembered as a "kindly, Christian old gentleman." His wife, born Aug. 30, 1764, died Sept. 26, 1837. Their children were:

Ernest, born April 6, 1784, married Polly Smith, died April 30, 1860 in Rome.

Hannah, born Sept. 17, 1797, married Lawrence Rose, died June 3, 1889 in Steuben.

Catharine, born April 23, 1786, married Isaac I. Lowe, died Sept. 1873 in Athens.

Polly, born April 21, 1791, married Benjamin Brink, died June 14, 1877 in Athens.

Emma, born April 14, 1793, married John M. Hicks, died April 4, 1877 in Rome.

Elvira, born March 13, 1799, married 1st Lucy Newell, 2nd Sally Eastman, died Sept. 27, 1884 in Steuben.

William, born Nov 26, 1788, married Hetty Kendall, died, 1861 in Indiana.

Francis, born Oct 10, 1801, married Sally Horton, died, 1862 in Indiana.

Archibald, born June 22, 1805, married Hester Brink, died Dec. 18, 1853 at Ranff, N. Y.

Charles, born April 12, 1811, married Julia Snyder, died May 2, 1852 in Rome.

Wattles Family—The first of the name to settle in America was John Wattles who came from Scotland to Connecticut. He had two sons Dan and John. *Dan*, born, 1731 at Lebanon, Conn. married Cynthia Williams a niece of Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. They had children, Asenah, Caroline, John, Polly, Adonias and Catherine. Caroline married Capt. John Allen of Wyoco, John married Miss Eliza Case of Towanda, Adonias married Richard Pemberton and died in Michigan. Mr. Wattles removed to Delaware county N. Y., thence about 1804 to Wyoco near to Orwell township. He later was a resident of Wyoco, and died May 4, 1840 in Tioga county, Pa., aged 78 years. His wife died Dec. 21, 1841, aged 81 years and is buried at Wyoco.

Asenah Wattles, the eldest son of Dan and Cynthia Williams came to Bradford county with his parents. He at first located on Pond Hill, then settled in Rome township where he engaged in farming and lumbering till the time of his death, Sept. 14, 1863 in his 91st year. He took an active interest in public affairs, was for many years a justice of the peace and served one term as county and two terms as State Representative. He was a worthy citizen and gentleman highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jesse Allen. She died Jany 21, 1861 in her 73rd year. Their children were:

William A. died unmarried Feby 11, 1837, aged 22 years.

John M. married Amanda Pierce, lived and died in Wysox.
David M. married Louise Cranmer of Rome.
Arunah M. married Charlotte Ransom of Orwell.
Albina died unmarried April 6, 1856, aged 34.
Caroline, born Nov. 18, 1825, married Lewis T. Lent and is the last surviving member of the family.
DeWitt C. married Olive Carter and lived at Rome.
Elizabeth married Edwin Woodburn and died in Iowa.
Adaline died at 13 and two others in childhood.

Woodburn Family—John Woodburn, a native of Ireland, when a young man, so the story goes, "went to England and engaged in business at Liverpool with an English nobleman by the name of Carr. He married Carr's daughter and soon after sailed for America, landing at Boston, 1718." Three years later he settled at Londonderry, N. H. He had a son, George, who married Mary Putnam and removed from New England with his family to Cherry Valley, N. Y. after the Revolutionary war. Of their children, John, Moses and Napthali came to Bradford county, 1808.

John Woodburn, born April 25, 1762, settled in what is now the southern part of Rome borough. He took up lands, which he improved and occupied till the time of his death, July 6, 1823. He married Nancy Whitman (b Sept. 30, 1775, d Oct. 6, 1844). Their children were:

Hiram married Jane Ridgway of Rome.
John W. married Sally Maria Barns of Rome.
Allen married Mary Whitney of Wysox.
Warner W. married 1st Caroline Case, 2nd Ellen Vought of Rome.
Corydon married Helen M. Myer of Wysox.
Mary (Polly) married Alvin Whitney of Wysox.
Betsy married Ebenezer Whitney of Wysox.
Nancy married Alvin Whitney, being his second wife.

Moses Woodburn was born October 2, 1764 at Stonington, Conn. In September, 1779 he enlisted at Stonington as a private in the company of Captain Rathborn and served 8 months; June, 1780, as a private in the company of Captain Douglass, Colonel Starr's regiment, served 6 months; June, 1781, as a mariner on U. S. brig Marquis Lafayette, served 8 months; June, 1782, as a mariner on U. S. brig Randolph and served 2 months. He assisted in capturing several prizes at sea and was one of the guards that conducted Major Andre to be executed. One of Mr. Woodburn's granddaughters says: "When a child I remember hearing grandfather tell how Major Andre knelt in

tears to General Washington and begged to be shot, and how Washington offered Andre his life if he would reveal the whole plot, but the brave, young Englishman proudly answered, 'No,' saying, 'I was born a gentleman though I die a scandalous death'; General Washington wept as did all the soldiers." In 1808 Moses in company with his two brothers came to Wysox, purchased land and with his brother, Naphtali, built a saw mill on Wysox creek. Twice the mill was burned and having labored hard he became discouraged, sold out his interest and in 1818 removed to Sheshequin, settling on the Macafee farm. Here after he had got comfortably situated he met with another misfortune. While all were away from home but his aged mother, the house caught fire and burned with all their clothing, furniture and store of provisions. After suffering many hardships, another, a double-hewed log house was erected in which Mr. Woodburn continued to reside until his death, Dec. 30, 1836. He had married before removing to Bradford county, Sena, daughter of Edward and Chloe (Pomeroy) Wright. Mr. Woodburn is remembered as "an industrious, kindly old gentleman." He was given a pension for his faithful services to his country. He is buried on the farm where he spent his closing days. Mr. and Mrs. Woodburn had children: *Sally* married Renselaer J. Jenks; *Asenath* married Theodore R. Davies of Athens; *Nancy Maria* married Ezra Pelton of Athens.

Naphtali Woodburn, born Dec. 30, 1768 at Stonington, Conn., who had kept an inn and been engaged in the mercantile business at Cherry Valley, upon coming to Wysox (1808) brought a small stock of goods which he sold to the settlers. He purchased a farm and with his brother, Moses, put up a saw-mill and for several years manufactured lumber. Here he died Jany. 15, 1839. He married Rebecca Lewis of Petersburg, N. Y. She was born Aug. 21, 1775, died Dec. 28, 1849. Both are buried in the Woodburn cemetery, Wysox. They had 14 children as follows:

Amy married Asa Bennett of Wysox.

Moses married Esther Whitney of Wysox.

Whitman married Lydia Brainard, died rafting down the river.

Lewis married Frances Young of Albany, N. Y., resided in New York city.

William D. married and died in Charleston, S. C.

Harriet B. married Asa Eastman of Rome.

Calista married Hiram Johnson of Rome.

Justus H. married Emily Dorman, settled in Kingsville, O.

Daniel P. married Sibyl Woodburn of Cherry Valley, resided at Tioga Center, N. Y.

George W. married Martha Lewis and settled at Laporte, Ind.

Naphtali married Elizabeth Hanne, died in Iowa.

Mary Clotilda married Herman W. Browning of Rome.

Rebecca F. married Random Woodburn of Cherry Valley and was the last surviving member of the family. One other child died in infancy.

John Pierce and ***Alpheus Choat*** came from Vermont to Orwell, 1801. Pierce remained only a few years then removed to Owego, N. Y. His wife was a Woodruff, sister of Mrs. Josiah Grant. Choat married a daughter of Mr. Pierce. He removed from this section before 1812.

The Ranneys, William and John, located in Orwell, 1802. William seems to have removed to other parts prior to 1812. John died in Orwell, 1826 and George Ranney was appointed guardian of Abigail L. and William Ranney, minor children of the late John and Polly Ranney.

Libbeus Roberts, a native of Vermont, who served in the Revolutionary war and suffered many hardships (probably being in Montgomery's expedition), joined the pioneer settlement of Orwell in or before 1803. He located at what is known as Woodruff's Corners, where he continued to reside until his death, 1831. He was buried near where he spent his last days and lies in an unknown and unmarked grave. His wife was Esther Thompson by whom he had the following children:

Czar married Lucy A. Brownson and had children Alford B., Amanda M. and Mary E.

Marintha married James Hays and had children John and Robert.

Alma married a Mr. Rich of Steuben county, N. Y. and had one son, Alford.

Elim married and had a daughter, Sally.

Almon married Betsy P. Townsend and removed to Clark county, Ind. They had six daughters and one son, Charles, who died in the service during the Rebellion.

Sally married John Sellon of Steuben county, N. Y. and had four children, Miranda, Philemon, Rosetta and Melissa.

Belinda married Chas. W. Sellon of Steuben county, N. Y. and had a family of several children.

The family is now widely scattered, none of the name being found in the county.

John Grant, a Revolutionary soldier and brother of Capt. Josiah Grant (I—300), came from Vermont to Orwell, 1805, locating on the Carlos Chubbuck farm, where he died Nov. 23, 1813 in his 79th year. His daughter, Ruth, married Joel Barnes (p. 9).

Daniel Loomis came from Connecticut to the Sugar Creek Valley, 1803, settling permanently on the J. R. Vannoy farm at East Troy, which he cleared and improved. He married Mary, daughter of Ezra Goddard, Jr. of Burlington. She died, 1836 and Mr. Loomis, 1846. Both rest in the Hilton cemetery. Their children who married as follows were: *Marilla* to P. C. Williams; *Alvin* to Minerva Berry of Springfield; *Eley* to Lydia Rich of Sullivan; *Orrin* never married; *Lucy* to George Fritcher of Athens; *Harriet* to Edward Gough of Clearfield; *Caroline* to Leonard Upham of Springfield; *Ezra* to Hatriet Pratt of Canton; *Luther* to Lucretia Farmer of Troy.

Tilly Leonard from Massachusetts located in West Burlington about 1805. Here he engaged in farming until his death. His children were: *Celia* married Asa Pratt of Canton; *Noah* married Lucinda Hosley of East Troy; *Harriet* married Joseph Hilton of West Burlington; *Jesse.*

Eleazer Sweet, a native of Rhode Island, born July 9, 1778, followed the Wilcoxes to Monroe about 1802. He was noted for his muscular powers, being a match for the best men in the country. He married Amy, daughter of Sheffield Wilcox (b. Aug. 7, 1785; d. Jany 8, 1867); died April 1, 1866 in Monroe. Their children were:

Miama married Roswell Phillips; died at Dushore, Pa.

Rosina married Dr. Daniel Cole; died in Ohio.

Jemima married Price Streeter; died in West.

Freeman, born Oct. 19, 1810, married Nancy J. Ridgway, engaged in lumbering and farming, died Dec. 8, 1891 in Monroe.

Lovina married Ezra C. Kellogg of Monroe.

Hiram married Mary Terwilliger, died in Monroe.

Ransom married Mary Jacoba; died in New Jersey.

Jane married George Irvine of Monroe.

Elizabeth married Lyman Hollon of Monroe.

James Moore, who was a native of the north of Ireland, came to this country and lived for a time on the Hudson, where he married Eunice VanBuren, whose father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and had his house burned by the British. Mr. Moore came early to Bradford county, first settling on the Scott place in Towanda township. From here about 1808 he removed to Towner Hill, where he

continued to reside until his death, May 9, 1841, aged 76 yrs., 3 mos. and 3 ds. His wife died Aug. 4, 1857, aged 88 years and 31 days. Their children were:

Martin V. married Mary McGill; died on Towner Hill.

Elizabeth married Enoch Towner and died on Towner Hill, 1881 in her 90th year. She was the mother of 14 children, 7 sons and 7 daughters.

James married Miss Cole; died in Potter Co., Pa.

Margaret married Hezekiah Russell of Rome.

Maria married Chester Tuttle of Sheshequin.

Nehemiah Wilson, a native of Newtown, Mass., born, 1760, served in the Revolutionary war as follows: 1779 enlisted under Capt. S. Fowers in the regiment of Col. John Crayton, served 9 months; 1782 enlisted under Captain Watson of Colonel Ogden's regiment, served 6 months. Mr. Wilson was a weaver by occupation. He married Polly Grover of Mansfield, Conn. and removed to Cobleskill, N. Y., where seven of his children were born. In 1807 he removed with his family to Springfield township and there closed his days. He was given a pension by the government. His children who married as follows were: *Burdet* to Rachel Smith of Ulster; *Elizabeth* never married; *Polly* to Mr. McDougal of Lawrenceville; *Charlotte* to James Voorhis of New York city; *Sally* to Eber Leonard of Springfield; *Ann* (2nd wife) to Col. Joseph Watrous of Montrose; *Lucinda* (1st wife) to Col. Joseph Watrous; *Hiram* never married; *Charles* to Julia Hammond of Centerville, Pa.

Cogswell is of English origin, the first of the family to settle in America being John Cogswell, who came to New England with his wife, four sons and five daughters in 1635. Of those descendant from him in the seventh generation were Edward, Joel and Daniel (brothers), all of whom came early to Bradford county. Daniel remained only a short time, going to parts unknown.

Edward Cogswell, born March 24, 1767 at New Milford, Conn., married Feby. 10, 1790, Bertha Beeman and in 1799 came to Bradford county to pursue his vocation of miller. He first went to Frenchtown and afterwards worked in the mills along the Susquehanna at Wysox, Wyalusing, Sugar Run and down as far as the mouth of the Lackawanna. About 1809 he purchased a farm in Tuscarora near the present village of Silvara where he lived until his death. His children were:

Julius married and settled in Auburn, Susquehanna county.

Elisha, born April 4, 1792, married Jany. 7, 1816, Hannah, daugh-

ter of Bela Ford of Pike, died June 4, 1873 on his farm in Tuscarora. He was a soldier War of 1812. "He was an ardent lover of the chase and his faithful rifle furnished provender for his family during the period when food was so scarce that they otherwise would have suffered. It is an historical fact that he purchased a yoke of oxen in payment for which he was to give a ton of venison, which was killed with his old flintlock rifle by the time agreed upon." During his life he was a faithful member of the M. E. church. His children and marriages were: *Bela*, teacher, farmer and preacher over 50 years, 1st to Eunice Prentice, 2nd to Mrs. Lydia Fuller; *Niram Jackson* to Caroline Burch; *Jarvis B.* to Caroline James; *Caroline M.* to John Taylor of Springville; *Emeline F.* to Elijah Taylor (brother of John).

Aurilla married John Morley and removed to Michigan.

Cynthia married Wm. Drake of Wysox.

Amanda married Justus Gaylord and removed to Illinois.

Eunice married Levi Meracle. Their children and marriages: *Melinda* to Wm. Ross; *Melissa* to Capt. I. A. Park; *Myron* to Adaliza Buttles; *Mervin* to Lovina Blend; *Sidana* to Daniel Pepper; *Albert* to N. Y. state woman; *Matilda* to Wm. Place; *Lyman C.* to Lovica English; *Amy* to Jonas W. Lear; *Cecelia* to Chas. Jacoby; *Maria* to Daniel Montgomery; *Alice* to Henry Walker; two other children died young.

Amos and *Sally* both died unmarried.

Julius Cogswell settled near LeRaysville where he died. He reared a large family and was the father of the elder Dr. Cogswell.

Thomas Overton, a native of England, who arrived in this country in 1798 remained at Philadelphia until 1807 when as a land agent and dealer in real estate he came to Ulster and the same year was licensed to keep a house of public entertainment. He was a man of sagacity and decided enterprise. He made many individual purchases of real estate and in addition to keeping a public house, soon brought in goods and opened a store. His place became a center of interest and trade, and he next built a combination grist and saw-mill on the river. During the days of the old militia Overton's was a favorite meeting place for holding trainings. When Bradford county was formed Mr. Overton took a deep interest in the establishment of the county-seat. He laid out the village of Towanda, was one of its original proprietors and gave the land for the public square upon which the court house is erected. In 1835 he was commissioned a justice of the peace. Before coming to this country he had married Mary Bleasdale of a prominent English family, remembered as a lady of culture and refinement. She did not come to America at the time of her husband's

emigration but later with her sons. She died April 18, 1813, at Ulster during a fever epidemic, aged 50 years. Mr. Overton afterwards married Mary Tracy of Towanda from whom he was divorced in 1826. He subsequently married Mrs. Charlotte Hale of Ulster. Mr. Overton died suddenly Nov. 11, 1835 at Ulster, aged 70 yrs., 1 mo. and 24 ds. He is buried beside his wife, Mary, at Ulster. They left four sons as follows:

Thomas Bleasdale, born May 21, 1791 in Manchester, England, upon coming to America located at Wilkes-Barre where he was admitted to the Luzerne county bar, 1813. About 1820 he went to Mobile, Alabama to practice his profession. Soon after locating there he was taken sick of yellow fever and died. He had married at Wilkes-Barre, Anna Marie Hodkinson, a native of Honduras. They had two daughters: *Mary Bleasdale* (never married), who died in 1886 at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. B. Porter in Towanda, aged 72 years, and *Ann Heartly* who became the wife of M. H. Laning of Wysox, died. 1871, aged 55 years.

Edward, born Dec. 30, 1795 at Clithers, Lancashire, England, received his education and legal preparation before leaving England. After reaching America in 1818 he went to Wilkes-Barre where he was admitted to the Bar and the same year came to Bradford county, where he continued to reside until his death, Oct. 17, 1878 He became eminent in the legal profession and was associated with a number of large enterprises. During his long and varied career he was signally successful in maintaining a high reputation for honor and honesty. Mr. Overton married, 1818, Miss Eliza Clymer, a grand-daughter of Hon. Geo. Clymer, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They came to Towanda to reside in 1821. Their children were Mary (Mrs. James Macfarlane), Giles Bleasdale, Henry Clymer, Louisa (Mrs. James Ward), Francis Clymer, Col. Edward and Eliza (Mrs. E. P. Hammond).

William H. was for a time associated with his father at Ulster and afterwards lived in Athens and Milltown. He married Eliza Saltmarsh of Athens and had eight children, three of whom died in youth. The others were Mary (Mrs. Orlando O. Shipman), D'Alanson, Celestia (Mrs. Wm. B. Darlington), Emily (Mrs. Rinaldo Dorman) and William.

John married Julia Ann, daughter of Capt. Benj. Clark and settled at Ulster. He died early in 1828 leaving four children, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas and Kezia.

Elisha Carpenter settled the farm next Ozias Bingham in North

Towanda about 1805. Here he died about 1812 and was buried upon the farm. His widow, Cynthia, afterwards married Amasa Withey. The Carpenter children were *Garner* and *Elisha*, sons, and daughters, who married as follows: *Tamer* to Urial Holbert; *Eleanor* to Nathaniel Bailey; *Hannah* to Elisha Foster; *Mahala* to Iddo Ames; *Jane* to John Packard; *Rebecca* to Samuel Green; *Cynthia* to Benjamin Chaapel.

Nathan Coon, a native of Petersburg, N. Y., born July 3, 1770, married Bridget Tifft, widow of Robert Tifft, a soldier of the Revolution. She was born June 22, 1768 Bridget Bailey at Richmond, R. I. Both her father and grandfather Bailey served in the patriot army, the latter being a major. When about 16 years of age she married Mr. Tifft and moved to Stephenstown, N. Y. and there remained until his death. About 1800 she married Nathan Coon and came to Sugar Creek with her family. She died August, 1847 at Canton, Pa. The children by her former marriage were *Abby* (Mrs. John Simpkins), *Reuben*, *Judith* and *Elizabeth* (Mrs. Thomas Bennett). Nathan Coon came from Unadilla, N. Y. to North Towanda in the fall of 1806 or spring of 1807. He purchased a possession of one Seely and settled thereon, the farm still being occupied by his grandsons. He was a noted hunter and popularly known as "Captain Coon" from his rank in the old militia. He followed farming and lumbering till 1836 when he went to Illinois where he died Dec. 6, 1859. His children were:

Nathan, born Feby. 26, 1803, married Anna Rutty, occupied the homestead, died 1847.

Mary Ann, born April 14, 1810, married Asa Miller, died in Illinois, 1859.

Anaziah, born Sept. 28, 1812, died unmarried, 1843.

Amos B., born Feby. 12, 1815, was the youngest and his mother's 21st child. He went to Illinois, 1835, followed surveying, then read law and was chosen to a number of important public positions.

Dr. Joseph Westcoat, who had served four years in the Revolutionary war, Connecticut line, came to Burlington in or before 1802 where he practiced medicine until 1811 then removed to Ulster and pursued his profession until 1825 when he removed to Danby, N. Y. where died May 6, 1838, aged 78 years.

Benjamin Reynolds (Rennolls), a soldier of the Revolution, who had served under Capt. Amos Walbridge in Col. Charles Webb's regiment, Connecticut troops, came to the Sugar Creek settlement at Burlington as a shoemaker in or before 1804. Here and at LeRoy and Canton he pursued his trade until infirmities gathered upon him

when he was given the benefits of a pension. He had a wife, Lydia and children. Mr. Reynolds was born in 1761, died after the year 1840 and was buried in the old cemetery, Canton village.

Dutee Rice came, evidently, from the same locality as the Gerould family in Connecticut and soon after (about 1802) them to Smithfield. He was by trade a shoemaker, which vocation, he plied in the surrounding community. He was born Sept. 22, 1779 and married February 12, 1804, Susannah, daughter of Jabez Gerould (p 7). Their children were:

Jerusha Ann, born April 18, 1806, married Grandison Watkins and lived at Columbia X Roads.

Susan Mariah, born March 2, 1808, married Lyman Mattoon.

Hiram, born March 13, 1810, married April 9, 1839, Mrs. Amanda (Guernsey) Nichols, died Feby. 23, 1876 in Rome. He learned the printer's trade and for a time edited and published *The Northern Banner* at Towanda. He afterwards graduated in medicine and was a successful practitioner at Rome for nearly forty years. Mrs. Rice died Jany. 28, 1888, aged 80 years. Their children were Dr. William, Amanda, Charles, Elizabeth (Mrs. Delos Powers.)

Mehitable B., born Aug. 9, 1812, married Montilion Seely and resided at Charlestown, Pa.

Jabez Gerould, born Jany. 18, 1815.

John J., born Aug. 18, 1817.

James P., born Oct. 21, 1819.

Caleb B., born May 8, 1822.

Betsy, born Dec. 24, 1825.

Orrin B., born Jany. 1, 1830.

Joshua Eames located in Smithfield soon after 1804. He purchased a tract of 124 acres of the Bingham estate and began clearing and improving the same. In the summer of 1814 he enlisted with Samuel Satterlee, Phineas Pierce, Jr. and others in Colonel Dobbins' regiment of New York volunteers and went to the Niagara frontier where he died of sickness in October following. He left a wife and twelve children, Rufus, Esther, Warren, Electa, Lucy, Abigail, Lois, Lyman, Luther, Orrin, Lydia and Robert Rose, the eight last named being under the age of sixteen years.

Ridgebery's First Permanent Settlers were Isaac Fuller and Joel Campbell with their families from Orange county, N. Y. in 1805. They came with ox-teams also bringing several cows, locating on Bentley Creek about a mile from the State line. "The inconveniences and privations of the wilderness were experienced in full measure by these

families. Their dwellings were made of logs and roofed with bark or shakes. They ate their samp and johnny-cake made from pounded corn, rendered palatable for daintier tastes by the addition of maple-sugar of their own making. They roasted their potatoes in the ashes and boiled their beans in a kettle suspended over the fire from a forked stick; but venison and bear steaks and roasts, wild turkeys, pigeons and grouse and delicious trout graced their tables at all seasons of the year. They chopped and burned their fallows, and with a sharpened stick made holes in the ground among the logs and stumps, into which they dropped their corn and covered it over by their feet. They formed logging bees to clear their wheat patches and harrowed in their grain by drags with wooden teeth. Their plows were wooden ones, called 'bull' plows; the back-logs for their fire-places were drawn into the house by a horse."

Isaac Fuller, the Ridgebery pioneer, came with his wife and eight children as follows:

Beulah, born Sept. 19, 1774, married Nathaniel Campbell.

Betsy, born Sept. 23, 1776, died in her youth.

Charity, born March 12, 1779, never married.

Isaac, born August, 1781, married Rachel Van Curen. He was a volunteer in the War of 1812. Died in Ridgebury.

William, born May 20, 1784, married Miss Campbell and died on Post creek.

Abial, born Feby. 8, 1787, married Miss Campbell. He was drafted in the War of 1812, but peace was declared before he reached the front.

Lemuel, born May 24, 1790, lived and died in Ridgebery.

Peter, born Oct. 11, 1796, removed to Michigan and died there.

Joel Campbell's family at the time of his settlement in Ridgebery consisted of his second wife, brother, Benjamin, and these children: Joshua, Ezekiel, Joel, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Benoni and William. *Nathaniel* married Beulah Fuller and came to Ridgebury with his wife and three children. He and his wife died on the original location. Both Mr. and Mrs. Joel Campbell lived to very advanced ages. Most of the family joined the Mormons and went West.

Samuel Dunham came from the state of New York to Windham township, 1806. He had fought for the freedom of America from the tyranny of King George and his record of service is contained in his affidavit of Sept. 13, 1820, asking for a pension as follows: "That he, the said Samuel Dunham, aged 69 years, doth on his oath declare that after serving two enlistments of 9 months each and being regularly

discharged, the first time at Crown Point and again at Stillwater, he again enlisted in the month of April, 1778 at Stillwater for the term of 9 months in the company commanded by Capt. Levi Stockwell of Colonel VanShaick's regiment of the New York line; that he immediately entered the service of the United States and continued to serve in the said corps until the month of January following when he was discharged at Ft. Edward; that he again enlisted in the spring of 1779 in the company commanded by Capt. Daniel Sherwood of Colonel VanShaick's regiment and served until November following when he was taken prisoner by the British at Fort Ann and continued a prisoner until the end of the war." The old hero was given a pension. He died in Windham, July 4, 1822, aged 72 yrs., 3 mos. and 17 ds. His remains repose in the Windham cemetery. Samuel and Martha Dunham had sons, Abraham, Samuel, Henry and Hezekiah.

Henry married Sibyl Wait, was a local preacher, mechanic and farmer. Both he and his wife died at advanced ages in Windham. Their children and marriages follow: *Charlotte* to Wm. White; *Martha* to Otis Russell; *Anna* to George Moore; *William H.* to Elizabeth Hand; *Frances* to Charles Hand; *Elizabeth* to Perry Sibley; *John* to Mary Bostwick; *Jane* to Martha Northrup; *Samuel* to Laura Manley; *Wright* to Sarah Bowen.

Abraham died in Windham, 1867 leaving wife, Elsy and children, Mary (Mrs. Dickerson), George, Samuel, Sylvenus and Abraham, Jr.

Hezekiah who was a prominent citizen of the county, many years, sold and removed to Southport, N. Y.

Henry Verbeck came from the Mohawk Valley, N. Y. to Windham township, 1808. *Amos* and *Jacob* Verbeck were also pioneer settlers of the same town. The former after forty years sold and removed to Wisconsin. Henry remained in Windham and died on the farm which he had cleared and improved. He married a Miss Dunham, their children being William, Philip, Henry, Sylvanus, Abigail, Lydia, Sarah, Elizabeth and Matilda.

Grangers—In 1804 Elijah Granger, a resident of Suffield, Conn., was induced to come to Ulster with his family by his son, Alfred, who had previously located there. He occupied the Alanson Smith farm a few years then removed to Athens, where he died, 1814, aged 70 years. In 1816 Alfred was assessed as a merchant in Ulster which is the last record we have of him.

Roderick Granger, another son of Elijah, came with his family from Connecticut to Ulster in 1809. Here he remained sixteen years then settled permanently in North Towanda, where he cleared

and improved a large farm. He took an active part in public affairs. His wife was Almeda Dunlap, who died Dec. 7, 1868, aged 83 yrs, 5 mos and 12 ds. Mr. Granger died suddenly, Nov. 7, 1848, while returning from election after voting for General Taylor for President, aged 69 years. Their children and marriages were: *Sophia* to Artemas King; *Harriet* to Joseph Menardi; *Arabel* to John Smith; *Horace* to Matilda Vandyke; *Adelia* died unmarried; *Roderick* to Lois Rutty; *Lucinda* to Washington Landrus; *Elijah* to Laura Luther; *John* to Elizabeth Bennett.

William French, a native of Sheffield, England, born October 8, 1752, came to America, 1773 and settled in Litchfield county, Conn. In 1775 he enlisted in the American army and served seven years and three months, being with Washington's army at Valley Forge and in many engagements. In 1785 he married Lucy Hatch of New Fairfield, Conn., who was born, 1759 in Scotland. He removed with his family from Connecticut in 1803 to Franklin township where his eldest son had located the year previous. Here he died May 8, 1814 and his remains repose in the old cemetery at Franklindale. The seven children of William and Lucy French were:

William B., born May 16, 1786 at New Fairfield, in 1802 made a trip West on foot through the wilderness, arriving at Towanda. Going back on the hills near the line between Franklin and Monroe he purchased a possession right of Isaac Allen for $25. Returning East, he worked out until he had earned enough money to purchase a pair of oxen. Hitching these to a sled with an ax and auger he proceeded to his new home in Franklin. After making some improvements and putting in his first crops he exchanged his oxen for a horse team, then went to Connecticut for the remainder of the family, moving them here, 1803. Mr. French gained a considerable distinction as a hunter and trapper. About 1805 while in quest of his cows he found three young animals playing about a windfall and not knowing what they were, picked up two of the kittens when the mother, an animal the like of which he had never seen, pounced down upon him. He stood his ground well but was required to let one of the kittens go. Upon reaching Absalom Carr's he found that his kitten was a young panther. After a while he made an exhibiting tour across the country, carrying the animal upon his back. In the East he traded his menagerie for bear traps and other hunting paraphernalia. He afterwards had an adventure with a panther which did not result as profitably to him as the first one did. He struck the track of the animal just before dark and followed it until darkness had fully set in when the game took refuge

in a tree. It was too dark to aim with certainty, so he took the lock from his gun to strike a fire with the flint and by accident built the fire over it; the heat took the temper out of the lock and his design was defeated. He resolved to wait till morning and then make a new attempt on the game. But Morpheus soon engaged his attention and he fell asleep, the panther still over his head in the tree. When French awoke the next morning, the panther was not to be seen, having decamped during the hunter's sleep. Instead of returning home after his mishap French took across the mountains to Wilkes-Barre to get his gun repaired. The family became alarmed and the neighbors turned out to make a search before his return. Mr. French was a soldier War of 1812. He married, August 9, 1818, Nancy D. Avery of Granville, died August 13, 1865; Mrs. French died June 13, 1890 at a very advanced age. Their children were Eliza (Mrs. Ezra Carter), Juliett (Mrs. Thomas Doud), Nancy (Mrs. D. W. Harvey), Harriet (Mrs. Timothy Dugan), Lucy (Mrs David S. Miller), Melissa R. (died young), William W. and George W.

James served in the War of 1812, afterwards went to New York where he lived and married, following the printer's trade.

Clarinda married W. B. Whitney of Whitney's Point, N. Y.

Francis F. married Polly Smith.

Sophia married Ondius Carter.

Lucy married a Mr. Gough.

Erastus enlisted in the War of 1812 and was killed in an engagement with the enemy.

The Carrs, Absalom and Edsall, came from New Jersey to Monroe about 1803. They were related to the Edsalls. *Absalom* who was a noted hunter lived on the hills back of Monroe. While on one of his hunting expeditions, 1812, he discovered coal on Barclay Mountain. He spent his last days in Albany township. *Edsall* lived in Monroe and on Towanda hills until 1821 when he went West. He generally accompanied the hunting expeditions He had children, Asenath (Mrs. Francis French), Cynthia and John.

The Chilsons, who were among the early settlers of Asylum, came from Florida, N. Y. *Samuel* and *Albert* were the heads of the family, the latter, however, after about three years removed West. Samuel continued to reside in the town until his death, 1846, at the age of 85 years. *Asa Chilson* came in 1809 and *Samuel 2nd*, *Jehiel* and *Joel*, nephews of the elder Samuel, about 1811. Asa after some years removed to Florida where he died. Samuel 2nd died at Frenchtown. *Robert*, *George*, *Anson* and *William Chilson* were also brothers. William

came in 1813, subsequently removed to Smithfield where he died. Benjamin arrived, 1818 and died on the farm afterwards owned by his son, Benjamin. Anson, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, came to the town soon after the close of the war, but subsequently removed to Horseheads, N. Y.

Aaron Case, an enterprising Yankee from Vermont, located within the present limits of Troy borough in or before 1801. He early erected a grist-mill on the site of Bowen's tannery in which he was killed about 1828. He was one of the first Baptists on Sugar Creek. His family consisted of his wife, Abigail and children, Moses, Philip, Martha (Mrs. Simeon F. Utter), Abigail (Mrs. Joseph Wills), Betsy (Mrs. Ansel Williams), Eunice (Mrs. Wm. Gifford), Aaron, Jr., Abraham, Lucinda (Mrs. Elon Cowles) and Miriam (Mrs. James Voorhis).

Moses married Rachel ——— who after his death married Joseph Wills.

Aaron married Nancy ——— ; died in 1877 leaving wife and children, Aaron, Emma A., Erastus L., Orrilla Rose and Lucy Dorinda.

Abraham married Sarah, daughter of Caleb Williams and had children, Olive (Mrs. Roswell Dunbar), Jabez, Andrew, Aaron, Caleb, Simeon, Nancy M. (Mrs. Miller Moore), Abigail (Mrs. O. H. Randall) and Warren.

Robert Claflin came to Sugar Creek, locating at East Troy in or before 1801. He was an industrious and money-making citizen. He died, 1869. His family consisted of his wife, Anna, and children, Buckman, Carrington, Robert, Jr., Jane, Ledyard, Ellen (Mrs. Taylor), Abner, Susan and Clarissa (Clark).

Adrial Hebard located at Troy about 1805. He was a clothier by occupation and was associated with Samuel Conant who established a fulling-mill below Long's mills about 1808. Mr. Hebard was one of the first and long a deacon in the Sugar Creek Baptist church. In 1850 he and his wife, Lois, sold their property in Troy to John McKean.

Abel and ***William Eaton***, single young men, in the spring of 1804, left their homes in Springfield, Mass., on foot, with their knapsacks strapped upon their backs, hoping to find their former neighbors, the Leonards. They reached the Susquehanna at Oneonta where they purchased a canoe and paddled down the river to Ulster. Arriving at Ulster they sold their canoe and resumed their journey on foot, coming in by the way of Sugar Creek. On arriving at the Leonards' location

at Leona in April, they worked with them until June, then selected lands of their own. *Abel* after some years removed to Canton township. *William* located on the Wm. Westbrook farm. He was born, October, 1787, married Asenath (b Aug. 20, 1786), daughter of Wright Loomis of Athens and had children, L. Emily, Louisa C. and Theodorus. *Theodorus* died, 1894 in Springfield, leaving wife, Isabell and children, Almond H., Florence, Dell (Mrs. Frank Russell), Delos, Eleazer, Allen and Jane (Mrs. D. W. C. Campman.)

Ichabod Smith also from Springfield, Mass. with his wife, Anna, came to Springfield township in 1804. They had a daughter, Harriet, born Nov. 19, 1809. Mr. Smith removed to other parts before 1812.

Josephus Wing and wife, Sarah, natives of Darmouth, Mass. and both advanced in years, in 1805, came to the wilderness of Springfield township to reside.

Joseph Grover, born Oct. 16, 1748 at Norwich, Conn., came to Bradford county, settling at Springfield Center in 1806. During the Revolutionary war, from July, 1775 to March, 1777, he served three enlistments in Connecticut regiments, mostly under Col. Charles Webb. He was given a pension in his declining years. His death occurred, 1828 and his remains repose in the Grover cemetery. Mr. Grover's family consisted of his wife, Elizabeth (b Sept. 19, 1751) and children, Ebenezer, Gurdon, Betsy (Mrs. Fuller), Almira, Gamaliel, Harry and Joseph, Jr.

Joshua Spear, born June 13, 1764 at Suffield, Conn., enlisted in March, 1781 in the company of Captain Persons, Col. Samuel B. Webb's 3rd Connecticut regiment and was discharged in April, 1783. By reason of sickness, his brother, Elihu, took his place in the ranks and was accidentally killed by a rock falling on him. Joshua was given a pension under the Act of 1818. He married Miriam ——— and removed to Springfield township, Bradford county, with his family in 1806. Here he took up and improved lands, bravely sharing the hardships with his few remote neighbors in a great wilderness. He died in 1838 and is buried in the Spear cemetery on the farm settled by him. The children of Joshua and Miriam (b Feby. 13, 1770) Spear were Miriam, Harriet, Juliet, Hiram and Sophia (Mrs. Adin Calkins).

James Mattocks, a native of Litchfield, Conn., born July 27, 1770, moved to Springfield township, 1806 from Washington county, N. Y. where he exchanged his property for 1000 acres of land, Connecticut title. He located at Springfield Corners, building the first log house in that locality. Losing his title he repurchased 150 acres of the

Bingham estate. He was a stirring and influential man in the community, being farmer, mechanic, captain of militia and a justice of the peace for 30 years. He also served his country in the War of 1812. His death occurred July 12, 1858. He had married Abigail ——— (b Oct 21, 1768). Their children were: *Sally R.*, born Jany. 23, 1793; *James*, born Dec. 17, 1796, married Isabella Harkness, died April 7, 1887, being the last surviving member of the family; *Samuel P.*, born May 9, 1799, kept the first store in Springfield, died 1848; *Charles*, born May 15, 1802, lived in Springfield; *Walter*, born March 29, 1806, lived and died, 1874, in Springfield, leaving children, Elizabeth, Walter P. and Wallace P.; *John W.*, born June 17, 1808; *Abigail* married Asahel Parmeter.

Oliver Gates, a native of Preston, Conn., born Sept. 18, 1757, who was one of the Springfield pioneers in 1806, early gave his assistance in throwing off the yoke of King George. His record of service follows: "Enlisted as a private February, 1776 in the company of Capt. Edward Mott afterwards commanded by Capt. Oliver Coit and was attached to General Sullivan's division of the Continental line, served 9 months and was in the battle of White Plains; after his discharge joined the crew of the *Oliver Cromwell*, which went on a cruise, engaged the enemy, capturing three prizes which were brought into Boston harbor, served six months or more." Upon settling in Springfield, Mr. Gates suffered many privations and hardships in his struggle to provide the wants of his family and carve out a home in the wilderness. On one occasion while he was at Tioga Point earning bread for his family, the provisions gave out and all that Mrs. Gates and the children had to live upon for a period of two weeks were blackberries and milk, and to procure the berries Mrs. Gates had to go a mile, making the trips every morning before the little ones had awakened. Mr. Gates was given a pension in his old age. His death occurred April 4, 1834 and he is buried at Springfield Center. He had married Jemima ——— (b Oct. 14, 1761). Their children were: *William*, born July 10, 1789; *Denison*, born Sept. 18, 1794; *Oliver*, born May 10, 1798; *Samuel*, born March 14, 1801; *Almira*, born Feby. 10, 1804; *Marcy*; *Betsy*.

Luke Pitts, born Nov. 21, 1776 at Westfield, Mass., came to Springfield with his family from Queensburg, N. Y. in 1806. In 1813 he built a grist-mill, the first in town, at Springfield Center. Mr. Pitts family consisted of his wife, Sally (born Mch. 12, 1784) and children, Almira, Valaria, Wright and Luke.

Stephen Bliss joined the Springfield settlement in 1806, where he

continued to reside until his death, 1850. He left a son, Noah and daughter, Marcy.

William Brace, born Jany. 25, 1785 at Cambridge, N. Y. located in Springfield, 1806. He was an enterprising. hard-working man and accumulated a fine property, which he occupied until his death, 1872. He married Nancy ——— (b Mch. 20, 1787). Their children were Stephen A., Alfred, William F., ——— (Mrs. Blakesly), Diton, Samuel, John H., Nancy (Mrs. Jas. McKean), Martha (Mrs. Jas. Bullock) and Eliza (Mrs. Taylor).

Henry Stever and ***Amaziah Thayer***, the former from Worcester, N. Y. and the latter from Churlmont, Mass., came to Springfield township with their families, 1806. Stever sold and moved away, 1810, Thayer remaining a few years longer.

Joseph M. Piollet, born Aug. 15, 1773 at Bonniville, France, was a soldier under Napoleon and having been severely wounded at Austerlitz, was made postmaster of the Army of the Alps. Upon retiring from the army he entered the banking house of the celebrated financier, Talleyrand of Paris on whose recommendation he was appointed by Count LeRay du Chaumont, agent for the sale of his lands in Northern Pennsylvania. Coming to Philadelphia in 1806, he remained there one year to learn the English language. In 1807 he located at Rummerfield and the following year came to Wysox, where for a number of years he was associated with Wm. Keeler in the mercantile business. He was one of the first postmasters for Wysox and also kept a public house. Taking a considerable interest in political matters he was elected county auditor, 1821. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Elisha Whitney (b Dec. 18, 1786, d Sept. 23, 1840), died Nov. 29, 1850 in Wysox. Their five children were:

Victor Emile, born June 24, 1812, was for many years prominent in the politics of Bradford county and the state. In 1839 he was appointed by Governor Porter superintendent of the North Branch canal, which position he filled three years. Subsequently, he was commissioned a colonel in the state militia. In 1845 he was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature and re-elected, 1846. While in the Legislature he was appointed by President Polk paymaster of U. S. volunteers in the Mexican war. He was at different times a candidate for congress and was also the Democratic candidate for state treasurer in 1875. He was for some years engaged in railroad building and was superintendent of construction of the Pennsylvania & New York railroad between Lackawanna Junction and Waverly from 1866 to '69.

He was also largely interested in agricultural pursuits with his brother, Joseph. He married Jane S. (b May 17, 1825, d March 3, 1879), daughter of Hon. Jesse Miller of Harrisburg, died Aug. 27, 1890 in Wysox.

Joseph E., born Aug. 30, 1819, was associated with his brother during their life-time in railroad construction and farming. He married Esther A. (b June 10, 1824, d Aug. 12, 1894), daughter of John Cox of Harrisburg, died July 19, 1891 in Wysox.

Frances Theresa married Alexander Dewing of Warren, died May 22, 1892, aged 77 years.

Emily Victorine married Thos. T. Wierman of Harrisburg.

Elizabeth Josephine married D. C. Salsbury of Monroe, died March 19, 1845, aged 22 years.

Capt. Jabez Fish, born July 25, 1741 at Groton, Conn. was one of the first settlers of Wilkes-Barre. He joined Captain Bidlack's company and was in the battle of Wyoming. Of the 32 men in the company engaged, he was one of the eight who escaped. He secreted himself in the long grass and so close were the savages, he feared his own heart-beats would reveal his hiding place. While in this awful position he listened to the screams and cries of women and children as the terrible butchery went on. "Mrs. Fish supposed her husband to have fallen and hastened with her children through the wilderness. Overcome with fatigue and want, her infant died. Sitting down a moment on a stone to see it draw its last breath, she gazed in its face with unutterably anguish. There was no way to dig a grave, and to leave the body to be devoured by wolves, seemed worse than death, so she took the dead babe in her arms and carried it 20 miles, when she came to a German settlement. Though poor, they gave her food, made a box for the child, attended her to the graveyard and decently buried it, kindly bidding her welcome till she should be rested." In 1809, Captain Fish exchanged his property in Wilkes-Barre for 350 acres of land in Sheshequin. He came on and occupied his land, next above the Universalist church, until his death, April 16, 1814. He married for his first wife, Sarah Avery, sister of Mrs. Judge Gore. Of their children: *Jemima* married Zebulon Butler; a son, *Thomas* remained at Wilkes-Barre. In 1797, Captain Fish married for his second wife Susanna Dana (b Jany. 11, 1762, d April 4, 1844). Their children were:

Maria, born April 4, 1798, married Jesse Brown, died July 16, 1847 in Sheshequin; children, Ethlyn (Mrs. Elijah A. Parsons) and Mary (Mrs. Levi Wells).

Jabez, born Aug. 3, 1799, married Amanda, daughter of Moses Park, died March 15, 1876 on the homesteed; children, Elvira (Mrs. Oscar Smith), Susan died unmarried, George W., Jabez and Lloyd.

Diantha, born June 15, 1801, married Alvin Dana, died in the West.

Lemira, born July 25, 1803 married Chester Park of Athens.

William Harkness, born April 17, 1762 at Pelham, Mass., came with his family from Granville, N. Y. to Springfield township in the fall of 1804, locating on the S. D. Harkness farm. Here he carved out a home in the wilderness and died, 1825. His wife was Esther ———, born Nov. 4, 1764 at Spencertown, Mass. Their children were Ebenezer, James, Amos, Polly, William, Isabel, John, Millicent, Stephen and Eliza.

Ebenezer, born Nov. 11, 1784, married Sally ———, sold out, 1816 and removed from the town.

James, born Feby. 3, 1789, married Martha McLellan and with his brother, William occupied the homestead, died 1852.

William, born April 27, 1796, left at his death, 1871 in Springfield, wife, Clarissa and children, Lyman E., William H., Esther (Mrs. Orrin Wilcox), Jane (Mrs. Wm. Leonard), Lydia M. (Mrs. Alfred Havens) and Carrie.

James Harkness, born June 15, 1759 at Pelham, Mass., moved from Salem, N. Y. to Springfield, settling in the east part of the township, 1806. His family consisted of his wife, Betsy (b Feby. 6, 1764) and children, Rosanna, Abner, Anna, James R., David, Betsy, Edson, Daniel, Isaac and Chloe.

Abel Fuller, born July 7, 1773 at Rehobeth, Mass., joined the Springfield settlement, 1807. He had a wife, Elizabeth, born Dec. 13, 1777 at Norwich, Conn. and children, Jacob, Althea, Gurden, John, Alanson and Parmelia.

Cowles—John Cowles, from whom the family in Armerica are descendant, came from England and was the founder of Farmington, Massachusetts about 1634; he was also one of the founders of Hatfield where he died. From him descended in successive generations Timothy, Joseph, Joseph and John, the last named being the father of John Cowles, an Orwell pioneer, who was also a descendant of Capt. Joseph Wadsworth who put out the lights and hid the Connecticut charter in the old oak at Hartford when Governor Andros by the King's order was trying to revoke it.

John Cowles, born, 1772 in Connecticut, came to Bradford coun-

ty about 1805, settling in East Orwell. It is stated that when he arrived in Orwell his money, all in silver dollars, filled a half bushel measure. He purchased land which he cleared and improved until his death July 11, 1825. Among other things Mr. Cowles is remembered for his characteristic by-word, "totteration," used when a little vexed. He married 1st Mary Abigail (b 1771 in Conn. d Sept. 13, 1810 in Orwell) daughter of Artemus Johnson of Burlington, Conn.; married 2nd Lucy Coburn. His children were:

Johnson married 1st Lucy ——— (died July 5, 1825 in her 22nd year), 2nd Pluma Merrill of Warren.

Charles married Lois Ann Browning of Orwell.

Addison died Feby. 16, 1829, aged 21 yrs.

William married Polly Russell of Windham.

The Tracy Family, prominent in the history of Bradford county, claim descent from a long line of English kings and royalty of Scotland, France and Russia, running back to the year 965. Hugh Tracy, sheriff of Gloucestershire, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and King James I, was created a baronet by the latter, 1611. He had children, Nathaniel, Samuel, Nehemiah and three daughters. Thomas, son of Nehemiah, emigrated to New England, 1636, first settling at Salem, Mass. but before 1639 removed to Saybrook Inlet. In 1659 he was one of the witnesses to the deed by which Uncas, sachem of the Mohegans, conveyed the town of Norwich, Conn. to its settlers. In 1660 he settled at Norwich and became a man of influence. For 28 times he was deputy of the town in general courts and was also associate judge of the county. He was engaged in the military affairs of the colony and when a Dutch invasion was apprehended, 1673, he was appointed second in command of the dragoons raised in New London county, with rank of lieutenant. He was also commissary and quartermaster in King Philip's war. His children were John, Jonathan, Thomas, Solomon, Daniel, Samuel and Miriam.

John Tracy, son of Thomas, married Mary Winslow, daughter of Mary Chilton, the first of the Pilgrims who stepped upon Plymouth Rock and became the wife of the brother of the first governor of Plymouth Colony. Winslow, son of John Tracy, married Rachel Ripley, whose mother was a grand-daughter of Gov. William Bradford. Their son, Nehemiah, born March 22, 1722, married Susanna Smith, died Sept. 9, 1776.

Nehemiah Tracy, son of Nehemiah and Susanna (Smith) Tracy, was born Nov. 8, 1753 at East Haddam, Conn. During the Revolutionary war he served in a troop of Light Horse cavalry. He married,

Oct. 14, 1789 Lucy Olmstead who was born Jany. 3, 1766 at Colchester, Conn. and died Sept. 23, 1847 in Smithfield. In 1805 Mr. Tracy removed with his family from East Haddam to Smithfield, arriving at his new home July 20. "The last few miles of the journey were through the woods and leaving the father and older boys to cut a way through the log-blocked road, Mrs. Tracy went on foot with the two youngest children, her husband not joining her until after dark. She found her home most forbidding. The house had neither boards, nails nor glass in its composition. It was about 16 by 18 feet, made of logs laid up cob-house fashion, the roof being covered with sheets of basswood bark. The chimney was very capacious at the bottom and would hold logs of almost any size. The cabin had neither floor nor windows. The whole country with few exceptions was a dense forest of heavy timber. Every necessity of life had to be brought quite a distance over bad roads and it was absolutely necessary to prepare some other dwelling for the ensuing winter. Within a few months a framed house (yet standing), the first in Smithfield, was erected."

"Mr. Tracy is remembered for his energetic manner and perseverance in all his undertakings. He was a man of high sense of honor and integrity and honest in the fullest sense of the term by nature and practice. A more kind obliging neighbor never lived. Attending a meeting, held by a traveling missionary at the house of a neighbor, Mr. Tracy was converted and May 20, 1810 with his wife united with the Congregational church, at which time his seven children were baptized. He became an active member of the church and was a large contributor toward the erection of its meeting house, assuming one-third of the expense and afterwards sold his only cow to help finish meeting the arrears." His death occurred Dec. 10, 1815. Both he and his wife lie in the Congregational cemetery, East Smithfield. Their children were:

James Olmstead who married Anna Watkins, followed farming, lived and died in Smithfield; children, Euphemia, Sarah (Mrs. Orrin Scott), Nehemiah, William, Collins, Euphrastus, Lucy (Mrs. Levi Dickinson), Lois Burchard and Gamaliel.

Orramel married Cynthia Kellogg, followed farming and died in Smithfield; children: Caroline (Mrs. A. S. Mott), Dr. Elijah G. (long a practitioner at Troy and member of the Legislature), Alonzo, Anna E. (Mrs. Emer F. Wood), Clarissa Elvira, Alanson, Rev. Charles Chapin, D. D. (for 47 years a successful missionary in Turkey and long president of Anatolia college at Marsovan) and Edward G. (member of New York legislature).

Arobel married Elvira Kellogg, followed farming and died in Smithfield; children: Emeline Lucy (Mrs. Brainard Bowen), Selden, Mary Ellen, Laura (Mrs. L. B. Gerould), John Dorrance and Jerusha Elvira (Mrs. Levi Burchard).

Buckley married Bathsheba Scott, followed farming and died in Smithfield; children: Albert O., Dr. Polly S., Fanny Newberry (Mrs. Chas. Kitchen), Harlon Page, Susanna Bingham (Mrs. Henry Wittig), Emily (Mrs. Woodworth, M. D.), Harriet Newell, Jane and Edward Payson.

James Gorham married Louisa Child, followed farming and died in Smithfield; children: Harriet (Mrs. W. H. Carpenter), Edwin Perry, James Eugene, Elouise Child (Mrs. Stephen Goodhue).

Benjamin Collins died in childhood.

Elijah Selden married Susan A. Martin and was long a prosperous merchant at East Smithfield; children: Jane L. (Mrs. Wm. A. Peck), Susan Martin (Mrs. Malie Tracy) and Mary Eliza.

Sally Lord died unmarried.

Grace—Joseph Grace of West Springfield, Mass was a hero of the Revolution and fought from the battle of Bunker Hill till the close of the war. He married a heroine,

Mara Sargeant, born in Boston of French parentage, Oct. 9, 1762, the daughter of a sea captain who was lost at sea a short time before her birth. She witnessed the battle of Bunker Hill, helped care for the wounded, and when other bandages were exhausted, took off her own petticoat and tore it into strips to save the lives of unfortunate soldiers. During the same battle with buckets, she carried water from a spring to allay the thirst of the wounded and fighting patriots, and in after years often stated that "bullets fell around her like hailstones." For a time Washington made his headquarters near her home. She used to wash and iron for Mrs. Washington and was the proud possessor of a silver dollar given her by General Washington for knitting him a pair of stockings. After the death of her husband she came to Springfield township and resided with her son, William, where she died Aug. 30, 1844, from the effects of burns received by falling into a fireplace. For many years she had been a member of the Methodist church. Her remains lie in the Leona cemetery. The children of Joseph and Mara Grace were Joseph, George, Polly, Betsy and William.

Joseph, Jr., born Nov. 26, 1782 at West Springfield, married Deborah, daughter of Austin Leonard. In 1807 he removed to Springfield township, settling near Leona. He came with an ox-team also bringing a cow, whose milk provided food for the children on the way.

When in the vicinity of Springfield Center the train got stuck in the mud and the assistance of the neighbors had to be called for its relief. Like all the other settlers Mr. Grace was required to build the primitive log house and battle with the wild woods for his sustenance. He died Feby. 9, 1825. His wife, born July 2, 1784, died ———. Their children and marriages: *Ambrose* to Adelia Griswold; *James Upham* to Charlotte A. Morley; *Maria* to David M. Brooks; *Betsy* to Chauncey Brooks; *Jane* to Lewis Beach; *Joseph Leonard.*

George came to Springfield a few years after his brother, Joseph. He engaged in farming but spent his last years in Elmira where he died, 1852, aged 66 years. His wife was Clarissa Williams. Their children and marriages: *Josephine* to Dr. Whitman; *Mary Ann* to Prentice Norman.

William, born, 1788 at West Springfield, Mass. followed his brothers to Springfield township, 1816. He was an industrious and successful pioneer. He delighted his neighbors by singing old time songs, "The Age of Man," being his favorite. His death occurred May 25, 1849. He married Hannah, daughter of William Salisbury, a patriot of the Revolution. She was born, July 4, 1789, died Feby. 7, 1866. Their children and marriages: *Harriet L.* to Charles Guthrey; *Hannah* to John Salisbury; *Minerva* to Freeman Mills; *Olive* to Eli Brooks; *William S.* to Jane Decker; *Mara* to Jackson Ross; *Arutine S.* to Ulysses Moody; *Addison* 1st to Dimmis Knapp 2nd to Flora D. Cheney; *Ruby* died, aged 9 yrs.

Polly married Samuel Sargeant and died in Springfield.

Betsy married Elisha Fanning and died in Springfield.

Isaac Morley, son of Isaac who was a soldier in the French war of Colonial times, was a patriot of the Revolution. He witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. In 1807 he sold his property at West Springfield, Mass., and moved with his family to Athens township, settling at Morley's Mills. He arrived in October, having been 16 days in making the journey. He became the owner of a valuable property and lived to an advanced age, died 1855. Mr. Morley married Beulah Harmon of Suffield, Mass. They had nine children; the sons being Isaac, Gad Harmon, Alvin, Jacob and Justin; daughters, Fanny, Dorcas, Merab and Beulah.

Isaac married Celestia, daughter of Joseph Spalding and occupied the homestead; was a successful school teacher in his early manhood; died in 1882, aged 94 years; children: Isaac, Annie, Abraham, Simon,

Nancy, Huldah, Reuben, Seth, Celestia (Mrs. John Ovenshire) and Job.

Alvin married Eliza Parmenter of Owego and occupied a part of the homestead; children: George, Jane, Cornelia, Adaline and Frank S.

Gad Harmon married Experience Greene and occupied a part of the homestead; children: Beulah, John G., Justin, Hester, Harriet, Gad H. and Welthia.

Jacob settled in Burlington. He married Harriet Knapp; children: Joseph F., Lucy (Mrs. Philander P. Burns), Annie (Mrs. O. F. Ayer), Ida M. (Mrs. Isaac M. Campbell), Frances (Mrs. J. B. Felton).

Justin married Maria Minier and lived in Burlington; only child, Marian (Mrs. Clarence H. Pierce).

Fanny married Theodorus Loomis of Green's Landing.

Dorcas married Erastus Loomis of Green's Landing.

Merab married and lived in the East.

Beulah married Isaac Miller of Burlington and moved West.

Reuben Bumpus was born March 22, 1760 at Sharon, Conn. When a child he moved with his father, Edward Bumpus to Vermont. At the age of 16 years in April, 1776, he enlisted at Hoosic, N. Y. in the company of Capt. Samuel Shaw, Col. Henry VanRensselaer's regiment of the New York line and served 5½ months; he re-enlisted and served as follows: April 20, 1777 for 6 months in Caleb Bentley's company of the former regiment; spring of 1778 for 4 months in Colonel Vroman's regiment of New York troops; summer of 1779 for 20 days in St. David Huston's company in the regiment of Colonel VanRensselaer; also in the fall of 1779 served an additional enlistment of 2 months. He was a private during all his enlistments and participated in the battles of Bennington and Saratoga. His brother-in-law, Russell Gibbs, having settled in Sheshequin, in 1800, he came also. The journey through the wilderness was made with a single horse, his wife riding and he on foot, carrying their goods as best they could between them. He remained in Sheshequin six years then removed to Bumpville. In the fall of 1806 he and Mr. Gibbs went hunting. Coming to a spot shielded from the frosts in which the foliage and vegetation gave a bright verdure, when all around was dead, they decided to make the place their abode. They accordingly each purchased 50 acres at $3 per acre of Joseph Kingsbury, Mr. Gibbs turning in his Sheshequin possession on his and Mr. Bumpus working his payments out. They at first built a log house and lived together on the present Rich-

ards farm. Later Mr. Bumpus built on the west side of the road on the Drake place. They cut a road through the windfall, running north and south, which has always remained as now traveled.

Mr. Bumpus was a great hunter and proverbally drew a long bow in reciting his exploits, as it always seemed to the settlers, which narrations received the appellation of "Bumpus stories" and as such were remembered long afterwards. His gun, "old Saxon," carried an ounce ball and six buckshot. The following is a sample of his narrations: "One day while hunting near the present Richards' barn he saw a panther and raising his gun to shoot, he heard a noise behind him; looking around he saw six, an old one and her young. Knowing it would be death to him to kill one, he made a child's bargain – if they would let him alone, he would do the same by them. He walked slowly till out of sight then let no grass grow under his feet till safe at home." Mr. Bumpus was a great conversationalist, a favorite with the children and enjoyed reciting to them the adventures of his life. He was granted a pension of $96 per year. His wife, Phœbe Gibbs, by whom he had no children died, 1836. He spent his last days with the family of Hiram Drake, where he died Nov. 8, 1849 in his 90th year. Both he and his wife are buried in the Bumpville cemetery.

Dr. Reuben Baker from Washington, Litchfield county, Conn. located in Pike township about 1806. He had a very extensive practice extending over the western half of Susquehanna county and eastern Bradford. He was very kind and kept no accounts with the families he visited, taking whatever his patients could pay and in whatever material it was offered. His small farm and the spoils of the chase and streams, supplied his wants. His ride was through the forests, guided by blazed trees and on his calls he was frequently followed by wild beasts. He married Rebecca, daughter of Isaac Hancock. They had no children. After the death of his wife he sold his place and in 1849 returned to Connecticut.

Dr. Ebenezer Beeman, a native of Connecticut, born Jany 7, 1761, served his country in the struggle for Independence. He enlisted, Dec. 1, 1775 and served as a corporal in the company of Capt. Eleazer Curtis, regiment commanded by Col. Goose VanSchaick of the New York state line and served until Dec. 5, 1776 when he was discharged at Saratoga, N. Y. In the engagement at Cumberland Head, N. Y. he was wounded in the leg. To pursue his profession he came to Black Walnut before the year 1799. A few years later, relatives having settled in Wilmot and Tuscarora, he removed to Wyalusing and practiced successfully many years. "He was noted for eradicating or

rendering innocuous the venom of poisonous reptiles." He enjoyed the benefits of a pension in his closing years. Dr. Beeman married, 1797, Hannah Lum. She died Jany., 1823, aged 46 years. He died Feby. 9, 1840. "As a citizen, neighbor, friend and father he possessed an unsullied reputation." Both rest in the Merryall cemetery. Their children and marriages follow: *Matilda*, b May 23, 1798 to ——— Benson; *Harriet*, b Oct. 26, 1799; *Almeda*, b Aug. 8, 1801 to Cornelius Brink; *Palmyra*, b Aug. 8, 1801 to Stephen C. Smith; *Cynthia*, b July 1, 1803 to ——— Cobb; *Joseph H.*, b July 1, 1805 to Betsy Buck; *Diana*, b May 10, 1807 to Luther Kellam; *Euphema*, b April 15, 1809 to Harry Elliott; *Rhodolphia*, b Oct. 27, 1810 to Charles Camp; *Emily*, b May 27, 1812 to Horatius Brewster; *Celestia*, b Nov. 21, 1816 to Wm. McDuoy; *Ebenezer Nelson*, b April 29, 1819 to ——— Titus; *Nancy*, b Jany. 20, 1821 to Marvin Buck.

Stephen Beeman, a brother of Dr. Ebenezer Beeman and Mrs. Edward Cogswell, settled in Tuscarora soon after 1809. His mother came from Connecticut with him. He cleared and improved a farm on which he died, 1860, survived by his second wife, Jane and several children. Another brother, *Aaron Beeman*, lived in Pike.

Jacob Hoff, a native of Germany, emigrated to America about the time hostilities commenced between the mother country and the colonies. He joined the American army and participated in the battles of Long Island, White Plains and Brandywine. In his application for a pension, 1821, he says: "That he the said Jacob Hoff in March, 1776 in Cumberland county, Pa., enlisted in a company commanded by Capt Wm. Peebles, afterwards by Capt. Matthew Scott of the regiment commanded by Colonel Miles but afterwards by Colonel Stewart of the Pennsylvania line; that he served until the close of 1777 when he was discharged at Valley Forge; family – himself. a farmer, unable to labor and wife, Catherine Hoff, aged about 65 years." Soon after 1800 Mr. Hoff came to southern Bradford. He settled on Spring Hill, being one of the pioneers in that section. Here he died, 1832, aged 81 years. Of his children there were an Abraham, Jacob and daughter (Mrs. James Brink).

Henry VanKuren came from Orange county, N. Y. to Standing Stone about 1808, settling the Fisher place. Here his wife died in 1814 and he subsequently removed from the neighborhood. He had sons, James and John. *James* in 1823 removed to South Creek township where he died at the age of 87 years. *John* remained in Standing Stone. He was the father of Prudence, Schuyler, Mary, Cooper, Sylvester, Norissa and Louisa.

Timothy Winship, a Hartford merchant, came to the county in 1800. He had purchased the Connecticut title to 9000 acres of land in what is now Herrick township at 25 cents per acre, but LeRay holding the Pennsylvania title, he lost his venture. Mr. Winship married the widow of Ichabod Blackman of Shesbequin. She died in 1809 when her husband moved to the Mohawk valley where he died in 1812. He never recovered from his loss.

Nathan Farr came to Towanda creek, locating in the Fox neighborhood, 1805. He married, 1806, Susannah, daughter of Rudolph Fox, sold his titles to the Foxes and in 1807 removed West.

Oliver Newell, born March 15, 1780, a carpenter by occupation, came to Towanda village from the Newell settlement in Onondaga county, N. Y. about 1805. He built and occupied a small framed house on the Dittrich property. He married Jane, daughter of Francis Watts. In 1824 he sold to Francis Delpuech and removed to Grover, Canton township, where he died May 13, 1840. Children and marriages follow: *John W.*, b Nov. 17, 1809, to Phœbe Jones, died at Rockfield, Indiana, 1889; *Samuel M.*, b Mch. 22, 1813 to Polly Maria Green, died March 8, 1882 at Sayre, Pa.; *Harry S.*, b March 13, 1816 to Susan Fitzwater, occupied the homestead; *James W.*, b Feby. 22, 1819 to Susan ———, died at Rockfield, Ind. about 1887; *Electa J.*, b Jany. 22, 1822, died unmarried; *Harriet E.*, b Mch. 4, 1826 to Joseph Peck, died at Rockfield, Ind.; *William S.*, b April 14, 1830, died unmarried at Rockfield, Ind.

Adam Conley, a blacksmith, came from the West Branch to Towanda about 1805. He built and occupied a framed house where Tracy & Nobles' block now stands. His shop was on the opposite side of Main street. He married Betsy, sister of Wm. Means. Their children were Clark, Joseph, John, William, Eliza, Mary and Jane. After Mr. Conley's death his widow lived with a daughter at Syracuse, N. Y. *Clark* followed tailoring and died at Ralston, Pa. *William* married Phebe Acla, remained in Towanda, died April 10, 1850, aged 47 years; his wife died Dec 27, 1881, aged 83 years.

Edward Mills was born Aug. 12, 1780 at Bramford, Conn. When he was an infant only three weeks old his father was brutally murdered by the British at Fort Griswold. While he was yet a child his mother again married a Mr. Smith and removed to New York on the Delaware. Here Mr. Mills grew to manhood and married Miss Losina Stewart. Being desirous of having a home of his own and knowing of the opportunities in the "new country," he started for Pennsylvania with his family in the spring of 1808. Arriving at Ulster, the first year he worked

the Cash farm and the next year moved to Sugar Ceek and rented the Smith place where he remained until 1814. Having purchased a possession of Stephen Wilcox, he moved thereon and went to work in a most diligent manner, clearing his land and cultivating the soil. After his children had grown up and began to leave the paternal roof and settle in other sections of the country, the father and mother being somewhat discontented removed to Ohio where Mrs. Mills (b April 1, 1785) died Oct. 29, 1847. Mr. Mills then went to Illinois where he spent his last days among his children and grand-children. His death occurred July 5, 1869 at Winnebago. He was a consistent and exemplary member of the M. E. church and for some years was the only member of that denomination in the neighborhood. In the days of early Methodism his house was the preaching place and home of the itinerant. The children of Edward and Losina Mills were:

Stephen A., born May 30, 1804, married Amanda Fanning of Springfield; he engaged in lumbering, farming and hotel keeping; died Dec. 21, 1888. His wife died Aug. 22, 1879, aged 77 yrs., 7 mos and 29 ds.

Hannah S., born Feby. 15, 1805, married 1st Geo. K. Bingham, 2nd Cornelius Coolbaugh; was a remarkably bright and interesting old lady, died in Towanda, Sept. 9, 1899.

Esther, born Feby. 15, 1807, married Erastus Pratt of Pike; died in Missouri.

Silas A., born Sept. 12, 1808, married Mary Ellen Allis of Orwell, occupied the homestead where he died June 20, 1901 in his 93rd year. His wife died Sept. 17, 1890, aged 89 yrs., 2 mos and 27 ds.

Freeman married Minerva Grace of Springfield, emigrated to Illinois and subsequently to California, where he was honored with high office and was prospering finely when a kick from a horse caused his death.

Dr. Edward, born March 21, 1813, married Patience Rutty, studied medicine and located in Ulster where he continued in successful practice nearly fifty years; died Jany 17, 1887. His wife died Dec. 13, 1889, aged 67 yrs, 8 mos and 10 ds.

Garner C., born March 17, 1817, went to Illinois when a young man and became a man of prominence.

Losina, born Oct. 26, 1819, went to Ohio, married there and afterwards moved to Missouri.

William Keeler came to Wysox in 1808 and opened a store at Myersburg where he did quite an extensive business for the times. He took an active part in politics and in 1821 came within 228 votes of be-

ing elected sheriff of the county. In 1820 he removed to Towanda and for two years kept hotel. He was then a partner in the mercantile business with Thomas Elliott. Mr. Keeler was noted for his wit and as the great joker of the village. He was the idol of the smaller boys and took great delight in gratifying their mischievous natures. Finally to their sorrow, he removed to Rockford, Ill. where he died.

Dr. Seth T. Barstow came to Wysox about 1810. He purchased the Fencelor place, built a good house, which, in commemoration of the "hermit" and his home, was named "Fencelor Castle." In addition to the practice of his profession, he soon opened a store and did an extensive business for the times. He became a large land owner and also operated a saw-mill and distillery. Dr. Barstow was a cultured gentleman of the old school and a man of prominence and influence in the early history of the county. He married Clarissa, daughter of Samuel Woodruff of Orwell and had the following children: *Marguerite St. Leon* who attained considerable celebrity as a poetess and writer married John Loud of Georgia; *Ellen C.* died unmarried, 1833, at the age of 25; *Julius R.* was a young man of fine talents, read law, was admitted to practice but met with poor success owing to indifference and intemperate habits; he died at Wysox, 1852, aged 35 years; *Herbert H.* died, 1847 in New York city, aged 29 years. Dr. Barstow sold his property to Col. Robert Spalding, 1840, became intemperate in his habits and died poor, Sept. 13, 1852, aged 73 years. Mrs. Barstow died March 14, 1853, aged 67 years.

Jacob Wickizer of German descent and born Oct. 18, 1784 near Wilkes-Barre, removed to Wysox in or before 1810. He purchased in company with Willard Green a tract of land on Johnson creek in south Rome. He settled in the wilderness and at once began improvements. Though suffering many privations and rearing a large family he cleared and improved a fine farm. He was a sincere Baptist of the old school and quite a forceful exhorter. He was a strong Union man and had a desire to see the Confederacy subdued. The wish of his old age was gratified. Mr. Wickizer married Thankful Green, a lady of Irish descent. He died March 5, 1868 and his wife, Dec. 28, 1862, aged 72 years. Their children were Rosina, Lucy, Margaret, Andrew (died in childhood), Jacob, Catherine, John H., Alexander, Theodore Willard, Sarah, George, Marium and Andrew W. Marriages as follows: *Rosina* to Hezekiah Russell; *Lucy* to Rev. Jeremiah Barnes; *Margaret* to Ezra R. Allis; *Sarah* to John Horton, Jr.; *Catharine* to Asa Eastman; *Alexander* to Harriet Parks; *George* to Emily P. Wage. T. Willard and Andrew W. were soldiers in the Civil War.

Matthew Cannan who was of Irish descent came to Rome in or before 1811. He settled on what is known as the Lewis Barns place in Rome borough. He was well educated for the times and taught school after coming to the new settlement in addition to farming. Commanding the respect of his neighbors, he was familiarly known as "Captain Cannan." He married Betsy Whitman of Providence, R. I. who died Nov. 27, 1846, aged 70 yrs, 5 mos and 21 ds; he died March 13, 1843, aged 68 years. Their children and marriages follow: *John* to Jerusha Miles of Pike; *James* to Ann Hutchinson of Washingtonville, Pa.; *Campbell* to Augusta Washburn of Windham; *Deborah* to Stephen Gregory of LeRaysville; *Mervil* to John Vought of Rome; *Jane* to Lewis Barns of Rome; *Clarinda* to Lucius Case of Wysox.

The Sopers are of English origin and appear to have flourished in Connecticut, Long Island, Green, Schoharie and Delaware counties, N. Y.. coming from Connecticut and Long Island at an early date. During the Revolution this family played an important part in the Continental army against King George.

Levi Soper came from Connecticut with his family in 1800, stopping a year in Ulster then locating permanently on Sugar Creek near Burlington village. Here he and his son, David, cleared and improved a farm where the father died. Roger and Levi Soper, Jr. appear to have been two other sons of Levi Soper who came from Connecticut and after stopping a few years in Burlington settled in Columbia township.

Roger, born Dec. 23, 1774, married June, 1797, Melinda Rose (b April 15, 1777, d Jany. 28, 1841), died Jany. 17, 1857. Their children and marriages follow: *Olive*, b Nov. 20, 1799, married, March 15, 1821, Asa Bullock; *Cynthia*, b Dec. 3, 1800, married June 15, 1820, Curtis Merritt; *Roselinda*, b Jany. 8, 1802, married, June 15, 1824, Theodore Harding; *Amos R.*, b June 24, 1804; *David M.*, b Oct. 3, 1806; *Hannah*, b March 1, 1809 never married; *Elijah*, b Sept. 27, 1811; *Joel*, b Jany. 30, 1814; *Amanda*, b May 29, 1817, married Peter Hulslander; *Miriam*, b April 13, 1823. All these children lived in Columbia, Canton and Sullivan, Tioga county.

Levi, Jr. and Roger both located in Columbia in or before 1812. They were industrious and thrifty pioneers. Here the former died, 1848. In his will he provides for his wife, Naomi and children, Allen, Samuel, Levi, Moses, Darius, Hannah (Mrs. Mosher), Polly, Aurelia (Mrs. Lay), Sophia (Mrs. Meades), Sally (Mrs. Baldwin) and Abigail (Mrs. Williams).

David was prominent in the affairs of the community and 25 years

a justice of the peace; he married Polly, daughter of Elisha Luther; died in Burlington about 1870 aged over 90 years; children and marriages follow: *Horatio* to Mary ———; *Rowena* to Benjamin Parshall; *Elizabeth* to Matthew Betts; *Almira* to Henry ———; *Serephina E.* to Rev. E. S. H. Cobb; *Diadema* to Charles Knapp; *Edward O.* to Jane E. Bailey; *Isaac D.* to Charlotte Stuart.

Abraham Taber, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, emigrated from Massachusetts to Canton township, 1802. He located at Grover on the Daniel Innes farm where he died about 1812. He married Puella Bunker of Nantucket, Mass. Their children were Reuben M., Nathan Bunker, Lydia and Philip. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taber rest in the Goff cemetery.

Reuben M. married Malinda, daughter of Noah Wilson of Alba.

Nathan B. married Nancy Granteer and had children, Eliza Ann (Mrs. Loomis), William, Cyrus, Lavalette, George, Andrew, Emily (Mrs. Orrin B. Granteer). He died October, 1861 on the homestead.

Jeremiah Smith came on sleighs with his family from Vermont in the spring of 1804, locating near Alba. He was a successful and prosperous farmer and land owner. He died in Canton, 1852. Buell and Nathan Smith were sons.

Jacob Thomas, a native of New Hampshire, moved with his family from Vermont, 1808, settling in Troy township on the farm of his son, the late Wm. A. Thomas. Here he labored and improved lands until his death in 1841. He had married Susannah, daughter of Dr. Reuben Rowley, a Revolutionary soldier (p 65). Their children were Zeruah (Mrs. Samuel Case), Alvin W., Samuel, Hiram, Chester, Allen, Lucy M. (Mrs. Dummer Lilley) and William A.

Alvin W. engaged in farming in Troy township; married Amy Harding and had children, Lorenzo, Alexander H., Charles B. (killed in the Civil war), Lucy M. (Mrs. E. D. Thomas), Susan (Mrs Edwin M. Slade), Julia (Mrs. Newton McClelland), Alvin W. (died in the Civil war), Emma (Mrs. John Lilley) and Jacob.

Samuel spent his life in farming in Troy township; married Lydia P., daughter of Jerome Wright of Canton and had children, John C., Mary J. (Mrs. Wm. Vanderlip), Lydia S. (Mrs. John C. May), Hiram W., C. Ellen (Mrs. Ephraim M. Clark), Fidelia A. (Mrs Burton A. Porter), William H. H. (died in Andersonville, Civil war), David W. and Martha A. (Mrs. Thomas M. Scott).

William Alonzo, born June 6, 1824, occupied the homestead, died June 8, 1913; was elected county commissioner, 1859 and prothonotary, 1866 and '69; married 1st Jane, daughter of John Lilley, 2nd Wrexa-

ville (Long) Rockwell; children, Alonzo L., Jane A. (Mrs. J. R. Harris) and Harriet E. (Mrs. Milton T. Fassett).

Stephen Hickok, son of a patriot of the Revolution, came to Troy, 1807 from Rutland county, Vermont to pursue his trade of carpenter. For some years he was employed at Long's mills, finally removed to Columbia X Roads where he died, 1856 in his 76th year. His wife was Ruth Ellsworth by whom he had children, Almeron H., Aaron R., Deborah (Mrs. F. Ashley) and three others.

Aaron R. married Clarissa Ann Middaugh and followed farming in Troy township; children, William L., Phoebe A. (Mrs. Reuben Stiles), Henry H., Stephen C., Helen M. (Mrs. Jared S. Manley) and Stephen Newton.

Almeron H. married Hulda, daughter of Nicholas Smith and followed farming in South Creek; children, William, Nicholas and Thaddeus.

James Hickok located at Troy in 1809. Upon the organization of Bradford county, he opened a hotel which he kept some years. He also had a fulling-mill and built the first foundry in Troy. He was one of the most prominent and enterprising in the early history of the town. At his death between 1832 and '36, he was survived by his wife, Polly and children, Herman R., Clarissa M., David N., Sally (Mrs. Moses Coolbaugh), Hiram H., Leander O., Polly and James H.

Maj. Ezra Long, a Vermonter, born Sept. 24, 1782 at Wilmington, full of push and enterprise, emigrated "west" with his family in 1809. Upon reaching Ulster he leased and conducted the Overton hotel three years, then in 1812 moved up Sugar Creek where he purchased the mill and improvements commenced by Elisha Rich. He soon enlarged the mill property and erected a good house which he opened as a hotel. "Long's Mills" became a center and people came a long way with a bag of grain on horseback or with crude wagons or sleighs to have small grists ground. His hostelry became widely known and was a favorite stopping place. He also had a saw-mill and distillery. He purchased 1,500 acres of Drinker lands and with his varied enterprises, in all of which he succeeded, he was kept very busy. He was popularly known as "Major Long" from his connection with the old militia. He was a prominent Freemason and a gentleman having the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends. He left a fine fortune at his death in 1848. Major Long married, April 3, 1805, Lydia Alvord by whom he had children, Alonzo, Philander A., Volney M., Horace F., Lydia M., Clarissa E., Martha M. and Ezra O. His second wife was Abigail Huldah Sherman of Athens.

Alonzo, born March 4,1806,married April 28, 1833, Mary, daughter of Francis Tyler of Athens, died 1867 at Troy; engaged in the milling business and real estate; children, Martha J., Frederick A. and Fannie E. F.

Philander A., born October 1, 1807, was given a classical education.

Volney Morell, born June 4, 1809, was a prominent and worthful citizen and served as an associate judge of the county, 1861-'66, died May 3, 1879 in Troy. He married 1st ——— by whom he had children, Wrexaville (Mrs. Wm. A. Thomas), Emma (Mrs. Thomas McCabe) and Horace (died at 13); married 2nd Emily (a lineal descendant of Eld. William Brewster of Mayflower celebrity), daughter of Ebenezer and Laura (Porter) Pomeroy; children, Brewster A. and Lydia (Mrs. Albert C. Hopkins); married 3rd Sophronia P. Davison.

Horace Foster, born Nov. 1, 1811, married Mary E. Clever and had a daughter, Emily; engaged in the milling business; died April 3, 1887 in Troy.

Lydia M., born Dec. 5, 1815, married Dr. Erastus Fitch of Canton.

Clarissa Eliza, born Jany. 9, 1818.

Martha M., born Nov. 15, 1819, married Oscar Calkins.

Ezra O., born Jany. 28, 1821, was a graduate of Union college.

Jeremiah Travis, son of Sylvanus Travis, a valiant soldier of the Revolution, came from Seneca county, N. Y. to Burlington, locating at Luther's Mills, 1809-'10. Here he lived the life of a faithful pioneer and died, 1869, aged 84 years. He married Sally, daughter of Alexander Lane (I--302). Their children were Myron, Zury, Lucretia, Jeremiah, Zepheniah and Sylvanus. *Jeremiah* was prominent in public affairs and served a term as county auditor. Landis L. Travis, a son of Zury, was a gallant soldier of the Civil War, participated in the battle of Gettysburg and died suddenly July 2, 1913 upon the battlefield while attending the great 50th anniversary celebration of the Blue and Gray.

Job Stiles, a patriot of the Revolution, came to the Tioga district in or before 1808, being one of the first settlers in Ridgebery township. He located near the state line and died upon the farm which he had improved in 1841, aged 82 years. In 1776 he enlisted under Captain Bates in the regiment of Col. Ephraim Martin and served six months; in 1777 he enlisted under Captain Wade of the same regiment and served until the close of the war. His services merited and he was given a pension by the government. His wife was Esther, daughter of Asahel Burnham. Their children were Enos, Keeny B., Betsy (Mrs. Phillips),

Hannah (Mrs. Pierce), Asahel and Aaron. Mr. and Mrs Stiles were buried in the old cemetery above Chemung.

Josiah Crocker removed from Lee, Mass. to Milltown in 1808 and engaged with John Shepard in building a fulling-mill and saw-mill across the state line. Carding machines were afterwards added. Mr. Crocker interested himself in educational and religious matters. Among the first things he did was to secure a good school house at Milltown, which afterwards became one of the preaching places for Rev. Wm. Wisner. "Mr. Crocker had a large family of sons and two daughters, well trained after New England customs. The morning and evening sacrifices were daily offered at his home and it was pleasant to see on the Sabbath this long train of neatly clad and well instructed children following their parents to the place of worship. They removed West in 1818."

Amos V. Mathews from Northumberland county came to Monroe in or before 1808. He is said to have stopped for a short time in Overton on the Paine place on the line of the old Muncy road. He made some improvements then moved into Monroe, locating on Millstone Run. Here he built a log house and furnished accommodations for raftsmen. He also had a blacksmith shop and made traps, bells and sharpened tools for the settlers. In 1812 he erected a large cottage roofed building which he opened as a hotel the same year, the sign being ornamented with masonic emblems. He brought in fruit trees from Muncy and set out the first orchard in the valley. His house was a favorite stopping-place for raftsmen and proved quite a lucrative business for him. In 1816 Mr. Mathews sold to John Northrup and moved to West Virginia.

Samuel Wood was a descendant in the fifth generation from William Wood who came with the Puritans from England and settled at Concord, Mass. His parents were Nathan and Rebecca (Haynes) Wood and he was born Jany. 26, 1761 at Westminster, Mass. His youth was spent in the midst of those troublous and historic times, immediately preceding the American revolution and he entered into the spirit of the contest with the mother country with the usual ardor and enthusiasm of youth. His father died in 1777 and about that time he went to Vermont to live with a man named Darby. At the age of 16 years he was enrolled in a company of Minute-Men. Mr. Wood used to relate the story that when he was first called into the service, "the woman of the house where they first stopped for the night thought him too small to wait while she cooked supper for the squad and gave him a supper of mush and milk which she had ready." This was during

the emergency of Burgoyne's invasion of the States from Canada. Young Wood was assigned to duty in the division of General Stark, the hero whose memorable words at the battle of Bennington were—"There are the red coats; we must beat them today, or Betty Stark is a widow." On the day of the battle Mr. Wood was detailed on the guard to the baggage and stores at that point and consequently did not participate in the immediate engagement at Bennington.

The season of 1780 again found him in the ranks in General Arnold's department at West Point. On the 23rd of September while on a reconnoissance with a squad of 12 men under the command of a mounted sergeant, they came upon a party of three "cow boys" as they were styled by the soldiers of the regular army. [They were a class of men who, though loyal to the American cause, yet owing allegiance to no military authority, were really a band of free-booters, sustaining themselves by plundering the property of the loyal citizens]. These men had in their custody a prisoner they had arrested while traveling on horseback and in citizen's clothes, under the name of John Anderson and protected by a pass from General Arnold. The man when they stopped him had incidentally declared himself to be a British officer, which exciting their suspicions, they searched him and found papers in his boots which led them to believe he was a spy. The sergeant immediately assumed command and taking one of his stirrup straps he buckled it around their captive's wrist and handed the other end to Mr. Wood and detailed him as his personal guard. He then caused the squad to put their fire-locks in prime order and giving them strict orders to kill him on the slightest attempt at rescue or escape they started for camp. He said their prisoner did not enter into any conversation whatever, as he marched by his side, but kept silent and with his attention on the alert to his surroundings, as though meditating an escape, which Mr. Wood thought by a desperate and resolute effort he might have successfully accomplished as the country was rough and wooded and it was long after dark before they arrived at camp. But no such attempt was made, their prisoner was safely conducted to Lieut. Colonel Jameson's headquarters. The case was immediately reported to the general of the army. A court martial was convened by order of General Washington and he was tried and condemned as a spy, and ten days after his capture he was hanged at Tappen on the Hudson under his real name and title of Maj. John Andre, adjutant-general of the British army, and the names of the three "cow boys" have passed down with honor into American history.

Mr. Wood was three times called into active service in the field,

twice for a term of six months each and once for a term of nine months. After the victory at Yorktown in 1781 many military organizations were discharged from service and he with his comrades returned to Vermont and to their ordinary avocations. In 1786 he married Anna Califf and settled at Halifax. His wife died, 1804 and he subsequently married Huldah Cole. The sterile soil of New England affording but a precarious subsistance he resolved to change his residence to a more hospitable climate and find, if possible, a more fertile soil. Accordingly having sold his property at Halifax, he with his three eldest sons started out on a voyage of discovery in the early part of 1809. The course of their travels led them to the tavern of John Shepard above Athens. Mr. Wood contracted with Mr. Shepard for 360 acres of land in what is now Smithfield township. He returned to Vermont and came on with his family in the autumn of the same year. He passed through successfully the struggles incident to pioneer life and died in 1828, honored by all who knew him. He was one of the founders of the Baptist church at East Smithfield, one of the first grand jurors of the county and several years a justice of the peace. The children of Samuel and Anna (Califf) Wood were Anna, Eunice, Moses, Samuel, Lois, Ezra, Jonathan, Nathan, Rebecca, Abraham and Amasa. The children by his second marriage were Samuel 2nd, Barnard, Eunice 2nd, Joel, Miriam, Elizabeth, Lefa, Amy and Darius B.

Anna married, 1813, Erastus Brookins of Athens, had several children and died at Youngstown, N. Y., 1851, aged 66 years.

Eunice died at Halifax in her 16th year.

Moses married, 1811, Peggy Newell, was the father of 8 children, died, 1852 in Smithfield, aged 64 years.

Samuel died at Halifax in his 14th year.

Lois married, 1812, James Gerould, had 12 children, died in Smithfield, 1863, aged 71 years.

Ezra married, 1816, Lucy Hackett, had 8 children, died, 1872 in Smithfield, aged 79 years.

Jonathan married, 1818, Abia Thomas, had 12 children, died, 1873 in Smithfield, aged 78 years. He was for many years pastor of the Disciple church at East Smithfield; he married for his second wife the widow of his brother Nathan.

Nathan married, 1822, Sally Hacket, had 6 children, removed to Armenia where he was accidentally killed in a saw-mill, May 22, 1835, aged 38 years.

Rebecca married, 1819, John E. Hale, had 12 children, removed to Illinois, 1846 and died at Knoxville, 1854, aged 55 years.

Abraham married, 1824, Electa Farnsworth. had several children, died in Smithfield, 1848, aged 47 years.

Amasa died in Halifax in his 8th year.

Samuel 2nd, married, 1826, Polly Thompson, had several children, died in Smithfield, 1863, aged 58 years.

Barnard married, 1828, Betsy Perkins, had several children, was pastor many years of the Smithfield Disciple church, died in Smithfield, 1852, aged 46 years.

Eunice married, 1829, Benjamin Hale, removed to Illinois and died 1844 at Belvidere, aged 36 years, survived by her husband and daughters.

Joel married, 1834, Hannah Rockwell and had 9 children, removed West, 1846 and died at Emporia, Kan.

Miriam married, 1832, Allen Hale, had several children, died in Smithfield.

Elizabeth married, 1839, Barnard Farnsworth, removed West and died, 1864 near Chicago, aged 49, survived by her husband and several children.

Lefa married, 1840, Colburn Allen and died in Smithfield survived by her husband and children.

Amy died in Smithfield in her 14th year.

Darius Bullock went West when a young man and settled at Palatine, Ill. He married 1st Jane Wilson, 2nd Sarah Ann Sayles.

Henry Mercur, "the hatter, scholar and gentleman," was born in Lancaster county, Pa. where his parents had settled in 1780, emigrating from Klagenfort, Austria. When he was 9 years old he was sent to Vienna to be educated at the university where he spent 8 years. During this time he witnessed the entry of Napoleon and his army into Vienna. He returned to America a thoroughly educated gentleman. Having learned the hatter's trade, he came to Towanda, 1809 and being pleased with the prospect, located here. In 1810 he married Mary, daughter of Francis and Jane (Means) Watts (I--287) and soon after moved to Leroy but returned to Towanda in 1815. He built a framed house on his lot, northeast corner of State and Second streets, where he had his hatter's shop. In 1828 he sold his business to Zenas and Benjamin Thomas and turned his attention to farming, spending a portion of his time in his study. He was in Illinois a few years looking after his investments there. Mr. Mercur served as county treasurer 1818-'19 and '20. One hundred years ago he was regarded not only as the most scholarly man in the county but in Northern Pennsylvania. He was a scientific scholar of rare excellence and a linguist. He was fluent in

German, read Latin and knew much of the Arabian and Sanskrit. He died in Towanda Sept. 10, 1868, aged 82 years. His wife died Dec. 14, 1839, aged 49 years. Their children were Henry S., James W., Mahlon C., Ulysses, Hiram and Eliza.

Henry S., born Aug. 29, 1811, married, April 17, 1836, Sarah A. Guernsey of Oxford, N. Y. In 1832 he engaged in the mercantile business with Hon. Ellis Lewis and afterwards with his brothers. His death occurred Aug. 7, 1869.

James W., born Sept. 23, 1813, was associated with his brother Henry S. in the mercantile business. His health having failed he retired from the firm and visited South America and Italy in hopes of recovery; but getting no relief he returned to Towanda and died May 22, 1853.

Mahlon C., known as "the father of Towanda," was born February 6, 1816 and died in Towanda, Oct. 17, 1905.

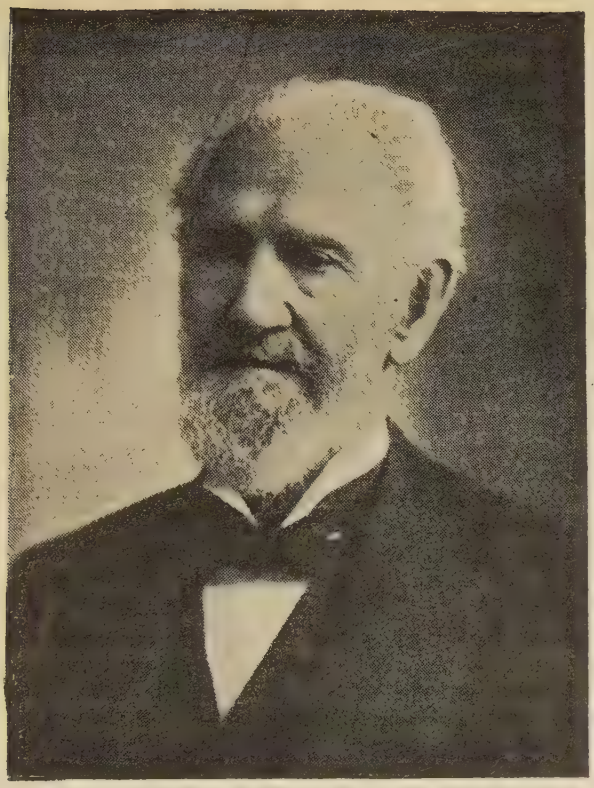
His education was in part acquired at private schools, the Towanda academy but principally from his father. When but a mere lad he evinced a strong inclination for business. At 12 his father gave him a tract of land which he soon after sold for $2,000. Such ability had he for business that when he was 16, he took his place with the men in the buying and shipment of lumber and looking after its sale. At 19 he purchased a heavy stock of goods, continuing the mercantile trade several years in conjunction with an extensive lumbering business. Having made a contract to furnish the entire hewed and sawed lumber required for the building of the bridges of the Catawissa railroad, the greater portion of the spring and summer of 1836 was absorbed in making deliveries. In 1838 Mr. Mercur was elected councilman, an office he held several years and the only one he would accept till 1877, when he was appointed Deputy Collector of U. S. Revenues. He erected the first planing mill in this vicinity and by the employment of a large number of laborers and the erection of numerous buildings in Towanda and the surrounding townships, did much in promoting the business prosperity of the county. The great fire of March 1847, having destroyed the court house and the greater portion of the business part of Towanda, Mr. Mercur believed that the future business security of the town required a better class of buildings than heretofore had, erected a permanent three-story brick block on the southeast corner of Main and Pine streets. At that time this was the best business block in the county and largely influenced the quality of blocks thereafter erected in the town.

After the North Branch Canal had been sold by the State to an inactive company, Mr. Mercur was induced in connection with some of his personal friends to buy a majority of the canal stock. Immediately after the purchase it was arranged that he be secretary, general superintendent and general agent of the company, with full power to make any business arrangements necessary to encourage transportation on the canal, and to settle and adjust all damage claims against the company. Damage to the amount of $500,000 was claimed by those injured by the canal, but through Mr. Mercur's fairness and business sagacity he secured a settlement with nearly all the claimants at a cost in the aggregate of $40,000. Finding the business of the canal too small to pay ex-

penses he made arrangements with the Wyoming, West Branch, Pennsylvania, Union, Schuylkill and Tide Water Canals, giving the North Branch Company authority to ship lumber and all kinds of farm produce from the North Branch Canal over the several lines to market, at such rates of toll as in his judgment the shippers could afford to pay, giving through coupon clearances from the point of shipment to destination. This greatly benefited farmers and lumbermen, but the amount shipped was still insufficient to make the canal a paying enterprise. Mr. Mercur now determined that a coal tonnage should be carried over the canal, and the point was gained through his persistency and shrewdness. A combination was formed in the shipment of coal with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad; also the Williamsport & Elmira Railroad, which proved profitable to the three shipping companies, remaining unbroken for several years, and being a great advantage to the consumers. In order to carry out the agreement made with the railroad companies Mr. Mercur was required to take the trade allotted to the North Branch Canal himself, and supply the division north of Wilkes-Barre with boats. This was a herculean undertaking and a great risk to run, yet Mr. Mercur was not daunted, and by working night and day and watching his business closely made a fortune in what others of more capital did not dare venture.

The canal now being in good condition, accommodating the local trade Mr. Mercur felt that a railroad up the Susquehanna Valley would be a great convenience to the people. Accordingly, he went to Harrisburg and drew up a bill to enable the company "to change their name, style and title from the North Branch Canal Company to the Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company, with authority to construct and operate a single and double track railroad upon, along or near the tow-path or berme bank of the canal from the county of Luzerne to the New York State line in the county of Bradford the railroad company being compelled to keep open the canal and subject to all the obligations and liabilities of every kind of the North Branch Canal Co." The foregoing bill was drawn up by Mr. Mercur without consultation with any one. Seeing the leading members of both branches of the Legislature, by his influence with them certain rules were suspended, the bill introduced in the forenoon, and before 8 o'clock in the evening passed through both Houses and was signed by the Governor. This was the most rapid legislation of which we have any record. Mr. Mercur thought he had now accomplished a two-fold measure, the construction of a railroad and the perpetuity of the canal, thus securing in the best possible way the business interests of the county. However, it must be remembered that subsequently the railroad company took advantage of the measure, slipped a bill through the Legislature, which virtually abandoned the canal.

For some years Mr. Mercur, in company with J. Langdon and A. Tompkins, carried on a very heavy coal trade between the Pittston and Kingston mines and Baltimore, having 1,200 cars alone marked in his name. When he sold his stock in the Canal company he also sold his coal mines, boats, Elmira and Chicago real estate and coal business, and thereafter devoted his time and money to the completion of the Sullivan & Erie Railroad and improvements in and about Towanda. Some years before this time, Mr. Mercur was induced by some personal friends in Philadelphia to join them in obtaining a charter and building a street railway over Fourth and Eighth streets in that city. Through his energy and sagacity a charter was obtained, and the roads completed and put in running order in a short time. For several years he remained a heavy stockholder and director in the company.



Mahlon C. Mercur.

During the Rebellion his business interests would not permit his entering the service, but he most generously aided the county with his means. At a low rate of interest he loaned the county the money necessary to pay her volunteers and to whomsoever asked his aid in procuring volunteers in the formation of companies. Indeed, any one in the service who needed money for the support of his family always obtained aid from Mr. Mercur, who would never accept payment from the widow, should her husband lose his life while in his country's service. When the draft was made, although by age exempted, he sent a representative to the army and kept one there until the close of the war.

After the war Mr. Mercur, in company with Col. Welles, purchased some three or four thousand acres of coal land in Sullivan county, and in company with Geo. D. Jackson and M. Meylert, organized a coal and railroad company, putting in 5,000 acres of coal land for capital stock, M. C. Mercur being president of the company. An unfortunate contract was made for the building of the road, which was finally thrown back upon the hands of the company, who were compelled to finish it themselves. All the moneys were advanced by Mr. Mercur or borrowed on his endorsement. Finally some Boston parties acquired an interest in the stock and induced Mr. Mercur to largely endorse the company's paper. Circumstances afterwards proved that their scheme was to injure his credit, break down the company and buy in the stock at a trifle. His unfortunate confidence in the Boston men cost him property to the amount of $1,050,000. However, this enormous loss did not discourage him. "Mercur's Block" which will long remain as a proof of his enterprise, was erected by him, almost the entire material in it having been manufactured on and from his possessions.

Mr. Mercur always took an active part in politics, ever working zealously for his friends and the welfare of his party. His purse was always open to aid in the campaigns of his party, no man in the county having contributed more liberally than he. Originally he was a Whig and remained with that organization till he became one of the charter members of the Republican party.

He was a man of wonderful activity, excellent judgment, rare comprehension and concentration of mind in business matters, venturesome and full of pluck. He was gifted with genuine sociability, always having been a gentleman to lord and peasant alike. His great pride was in the upbuilding of his native town, in which his time and means were never spared. He was a model of unselfish nature, ever aiding the deserving. Though he was a man of extensive and active business, he found time by the midnight lamp to acquire a general and literary knowledge. Mr. Mercur was also for a number of years engaged in the banking business, first in the old Towanda bank and afterwards as president of the Mercur bank. For nearly his whole life he was a regular communicant of the Episcopal church and a liberal supporter of it. Upon the organization of the church at Towanda in 1833 he was one of the first vestrymen and wardens.

In 1839 Mr. Mercur was united in marriage with Miss Helen, daughter of Col. Joseph Kingsbury. They had one son Mahlon M. His second wife was Annie H. Jewett and their children surviving at his death, Mrs. Helen Rosenmuller, Lillian A., William H., Hiram T., Robert J. Mercur and Mrs. Elise Wagner.

Ulysses, jurist and statesman, the 8th judge of Bradford county and 12th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, was born August 12, 1818; died June 6, 1887.

In boyhood he labored on his father's farm and attended the village school in winter. At the age of 16 he entered the store of an elder brother where he remained three years. However, the duties of clerk became irksome to him as he had a great desire to acquire a liberal education and take up the legal profession. At the age of 20 he entered Jefferson College where he pursued his studies with great industry and untiring perseverance. Indeed, he was noted for his studiousness and extraordinary perceptive faculties. He took a high po-

Yours Truly
Ulysses Mercur

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

sition in the literary society of which he was a member and in his junior year was chosen disputant of his class in a joint discussion with the senior society of which the late Clement L. Vallandigham of Ohio was disputant. The discussion was decided in Mercur's favor, which so annoyed Vallandigham that he resolved not to leave college until he had another opportunity of crossing swords with his rival of the junior class. The opportunity was given him and he was again worsted, Mr. Mercur coming off victorious the second time. During his last year in college, Mr. Mercur also found time to begin a systematic study of law and, accordingly, entered the office of Hon. Thos. M. T. McKennan, author of the "Tariff of '42." He graduated with the first honor of his class in 1842 and immediately returned to his home in Towanda where he entered the law office of Edward Overton, Esq.

Such confidence had Mr. Overton in the young man's ability that he made him an equal partner in the profits of the business from the time he entered his office. On the 4th of September, 1843 Mr. Mercur was admitted to practice in the several courts of Bradford county. His intuitive love for the profession and thorough knowledge of "the books" acquired by close study were supplemented by strict attention to business and untiring industry—virtues which seldom fail of success. Upon his accession to the bar he was brought into contact with such able and distinguished attorneys as David Wilmot, Edward Overton, Judge Williston, William Elwell, William Watkins and others, who rendered the Bar of Bradford county famous for ability and personal worth. The young member soon reached the front rank and before he had been many years in practice was acknowledged the peer of his ablest associates. As a practitioner he was conscientious and never advised litigation merely to get a "retainer." After a client had repeated his case, if hopeless, Mr. Mercur would inform him that he was wrong and that he could not take it. "But I will pay you well for your services, Mr. Mercur." "You are wrong, Sir! and I don't want your case at any price." This reputation won for him the most implicit confidence of the people and few important cases were tried in court, while he was practicing at the bar, that he was not employed in. It has been justly said of him that as a young lawyer he was unsurpassed in the state.

As an evidence of Mr. Mercur's transparent candor and honesty in his relation to clients and his desire to impress upon students the sacred obligation to profound secrecy and fidelity in their business relations with those by whom they might be professionally employed, it is said that he never retired to the "consultation room" with clients, but compelled them to state their cases in the presence of such students as were present—assuring them that anything they might disclose would never be repeated. A marked characteristic of Mr. Mercur, remembered by the citizens of Towanda, was the untiring industry with which he labored at his profession. While Mr. Wilmot, the leading lawyer in the town who was always noted for a tendency to avoid close application to his desk, was at the village store in the evening telling stories to the crowds of rusties, young Mercur was at his office writing deeds or pouring over his books in search of authorities for use in court. "At any hour," remarked an old citizen of Towanda, "Mercur could be found at his office. In those days I used to go home very late at night, and there was always a light in his office." His industry, integrity, skill and success in the trial of cases made his professional services eagerly sought after and for several years before leaving the Bar he had a larger practice than any other attorney in the county. Wilmot was strong with a jury, but he relied upon an infinite fund of wit and

turning to use some trifling circumstance brought out at the trial, but Mr. Mercur studied cases thoroughly and always went into court prepared.

Seventeen years of close application to his extensive business told on his constitution and in the winter of 1860–61, Mr. Mercur was compelled to give up work for several months, and that respite restored his health and gave him a new lease of life. On the election of Judge Wilmot to the United States Senate in January, 1861 he resigned the president judgeship of the 13th Judicial District and Ulysses Mercur was appointed March 19, 1861 by Governor Curtin to fill the vacancy. He discharged the onerous duties with such entire acceptability to the bar and people, that at the ensuing election (October, 1861) he was chosen for a full term without opposition, the district being composed of the counties of Bradford and Susquehanna.

In 1862 a division occurred in the Republican party in the Congressional district, composed of the counties of Bradford, Columbia, Montour and Sullivan, resulting in the defeat of the regular nominee. To prevent a similar disaster in 1864 Judge Mercur was prevailed upon to accept a unanimous nomination and was triumphantly elected over Col. V. E. Piollet. He was nominated for three consecutive terms and before the expiration of his fourth term in 1872, was nominated by the Republican State convention for Judge of the Supreme Court. Judge Mercur accepted a fourth nomination to congress only because he wished to use his influence in the repeal of the law imposing a duty on tea and coffee, also the law giving a portion of the penalty, for violations of the revenue law to the informant. On the bench and in Congress, Judge Mercur earned a record that was an honor to his constituents and one of which any generation might justly feel proud. His public service was singularly free from demagogy and tricks of the average politician, while in his private life he was as pure as the mountain stream. His political advancements, like his business success, were solely due to marked ability and personal worth. During the quarter of a century he was in public life, his bitterest political opponents never even intimated anything derogatory to his honor as a gentleman and strict fidelity to the trusts confided to his keeping. His eminence as a jurist was evinced in his nomination for the Supreme Court, without having canvassed for the office, over some of the ablest judges in the State. In Congress Judge Mercur was not a "talking member," though he had few equals in debate, but was looked up to as one of the most useful Representatives. He was a member of the Judiciary Committee and took an active part in preparing the reconstruction measures rendered necessary by the secession of the southern States. It was during the discussion on one of the bills on that subject that he made use of this memorable sentence: "If they (the people of the States lately in rebellion) will not respect the Stars they must feel the Stripes of our glorious flag." One important measure which he was instrumental in passing through Congress deserves to be placed beside the Wilmot proviso and Grow's homestead bill—the act exempting tea and coffee from duty, thus reducing the price of these almost necessary articles of diet which are needed alike by the rich and the poor.

In politics Judge Mercur was originally a Democrat (though his brothers were all active Whigs), adhering to the Freesoil wing of the party, having been educated in the same political school with Wilmot and Grow. He was one of the first to protest against the scheme to enslave Kansas and Nebraska and took an active part in the organization of the Republican party, which we believe had its birth in Towanda as early as February, 1855 when a meet-

ing was called to give expression to indignation of the people of the North at the Repeal of the Missouri Compromise. He was a delegate to the first Republican State convention and also to the first Republican National convention, which nominated John C, Fremont for the presidency. He was an elector on the Lincoln ticket in 1860. However, at the time of the meeting of the electoral college he was ill at his home in Towanda and Hon. E. R Myer was substituted who cast the vote of his district for Lincoln. David Wilmot always esteemed Judge Mercur his friend and confidential adviser in politics as well as legal affairs. When Wilmot was invited by President Lincoln in the spring of 1861 to act as Peace Commissioner at Washington before accepting the appointment he visited Judge Mercur, and after a full consultation decided to go and to use his own words, "try to prevent a patched up compromise," which would leave the difference between the two sections of the Union as far from being settled as before. About the time Judge Mercur entered the bench of the Supreme Court, Jefferson college conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Justice Mercur on the 2nd of January, 1883 by seniority of commission became Chief Justice, his term expiring in January, 1888. But while thus in the busy duties of his high office the final great summons came. After a brief illness he passed peacefully away Monday, June 6, 1887 at the home of his son in Wallingford, Delaware county. The immediate cause of his death was heart-clot. By sorrowing friends he was borne away to his home in Towanda, the spot where he first drew breath and which he loved so well and was there buried in Oak Hill cemetery. Chief Justice Gordon said, "We lament the death of our good Chief Justice. He was not only an able lawyer and a just judge but also an excellent gentleman and a kind and agreeable companion. We miss him sadly as well in the council chamber as in the court room. He was a successful man, a fortunate man—fortunate in his domestic relations, in his wonderful popularity with his fellow citizens and in the important offices which they conferred upon him in his professional and social life He has passed from the highest position in his native state to a still higher position in the heavens; for he was a good man and an honest member of the Church of Christ."

In 1850 Judge Mercur married Miss Sarah S. Davis, daughter of General John Davis of Bucks county and the union was a very happy one. Their children are Rodney A., a leading member of the Bradford county Bar, Dr. John D. of Towanda, James W. of the Delaware county Bar, Ulysses, Esq. of Philadelphia and Mary E. (Mrs. B. F. Eshleman) of Lancaster, Pa.

Hiram, born April 8, 1821, engaged in the mercantile business with Thomas Elliott; ill health compelled him to retire and he died Feby: 29, 1848.

Eliza J. died April 22, 1841, aged 17 years.

Simeon Taylor came from Connecticut, 1806, locating in Pike township. He was a faithful and industrious pioneer, cleared and improved a farm where he died, 1871, aged 84 years. He was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Rial Brister and second wife Thyrza Brink. His children were George, Lory, Rial, Harvey B., Henry K.,

Julia (Mrs. Grant), Harriet (Mrs. Jos. J. Scovell), Nancy (Mrs. Snyder), Betsy (Mrs. Agnew), Horton and Simeon.

Ebenezer and ***Roswell Lee*** were among the first to locate in Warren, coming thereto in or before 1803. Roswell was a teacher and taught the first school in the town, 1807. The Lees left before 1812.

Joseph Armstrong came to Warren about 1808. He built a large house on the turnpike and opened it as an inn. "A four-horse stage was run on the turnpike and it was the custom to blow as many blasts on a horn on the hill above Bear Swamp as there were passengers for breakfast." Mr. Armstrong married, Sept. 26, 1809, Mrs. Ruth (Coburn) Dewing (p 17). He died in Warren, 1840, leaving sons Jasper and Jesse.

Capt. Benjamin Case, a soldier of the Revolution, who had served in the 2nd regiment, Ulster county militia, commanded by Col. James McClaghry, removed from Newburgh, N. Y. to Great Bend in 1808. About 1812 "he pitched his tent in Warren and aided in the work of civilization and progress and where after a life of honor and usefulness he was gathered to his fathers." His son *Benjamin T.* married Annis Coburn, settled in Montrose and was a prominent lawyer; a daughter *Maria W. D.* married Andrew C. Coburn (brother of Benjamin T.'s wife); *Arunah*, evidently another son, married Sally Wate. Mary, widow of Captain Case, died in 1840. In her will she provides for her son Benjamin T., daughter Maria W. D. Coburn and grandchildren, Ellen, Jane, Benjamin, William Penn and Frederick Augustus Case, and Mary C., Andrew, George Washington and Ebenezer Coburn.

Jesse Barnes, a native of Blandford, Mass. and son of Jerre Barnes, a patriot of the Revolution, settled in Orwell, 1805. He purchased 150-acre tract of land which he improved until his death. He was accidentally killed in a saw-mill, 1828, being in his 44th year. His wife was Roxanna Warfel. Their children were Lucretia (Mrs. Alvin Goodnough), Jeremiah, Dr. Jesse, Ollie (Mrs. Louis Martin), Nelson, Philander, Alonzo and Francis Sylvester.

Jeremiah married Sally Aurelia, daughter of Cyprian Grant, located in Herrick where he died Nov. 26, 1880, aged 69 years. Children were Polly (Mrs. Geo. Coe), Melissa, Ulysses, Roxanna, Philetus and Loren.

Philander married, Sept. 8, 1841, Miss Abigail Wage.

Nelson died July 18, 1881 in Orwell survived by his wife Matilda E. and daughter Rozilla Adilaide (Mrs. Alphonzo Robinson).

Zophar Platt, whose sons, Ephraim and Nathaniel, had settled in

East Herrick, 1808, came on from Connecticut and joined them the next year. They formed the first settlement within the present Herrick township. The father died upon the homestead at an advanced age. A daughter was the first wife of Amos Northrup of Pike.

Ephraim married Polly, daughter of Judah Benjamin, a Revolutionary soldier of Pike and was the father of the late Anson Platt.

Nathaniel married Mabel Hitchcock and was accidentally killed at a general training in Orwell about 1831. He had sons, Charles, Nathaniel and Jarvis.

Reuben Atwood, born Nov. 1, 1782, came from Watertown, Conn. to Pike township about 1810. Here he lived a number of years then removed to East Herrick where he died Oct. 25, 1878, aged 96 years. He was an industrious and money-making citizen. He married Abiah Platt. Their children were Nelson R., Silas H., Wheeler, Caroline (Mrs. Gibbs) and George C.

Nelson R. (b Jany. 3, 1811, d May 5, 1869), married Sarah Ann Camp and followed farming and wagon-making at Camptown.

George C. (b May 17, 1825, d Oct. 19, 1889), married, July 3, 1852, Henrietta, daughter of Aaron Taylor; engaged in merchandising, farming and money-loaning; was very successful in all his ventures and left a fine fortune.

David Beardsley came from Connecticut, 1802 and purchased a large tract of land at North Towanda, afterwards known as the J. C. Adams and Jesse Woodruff farms. His purchase included the island under the James street bridge, since the days of raftsmen, known as Beardsley's island. Mr. Beardsley lived in a log-house on the bank of the river. He continued making improvements some years then sold for $300, a span of horses, harness and wagon and removed to Erie county, N. Y. Here he died at Eden, the family returning to Bradford county. Mrs. Beardsley died June, 1842 with her daughter, Mrs. F. Blackman at Hornbrook. The children of David and Louisa Beardsley were:

Amy married Gilbert Horton, was the mother of 8 children, removed West with the family and died there.

Sibyl married Col. Franklin Blackman and was the mother of 9 children, two of whom, Wealthy Ann (Mrs. Ayer) at 93 and George W. at 83 are living.

Jackson was a miller by occupation. He married Anna Young of Monroeton and lived at Franklindale. Their children were Amazilla (Mrs. John M. Martin), Sarah (Mrs. Wilson Decker), Betsy

(Mrs. Wm. ——), Fidelia (Mrs. Wm. Decker), Emma (Mrs. Wm. Piper), George (killed at Chancellorsville, Civil War) and Wallace.

Samuel was a miller and farmer. He married Nancy —— and settled in Herrick. He had children David, John, Nathaniel, Solomon and Esther.

Thomas Granger came from Vermont to Towanda Creek, 1800. With the Ladds and Fowlers he went up the South Branch into Albany where he selected lands, began improvements and planted a piece of corn. He returned East for his family but took sick and died. His sons, Calvin and Dorus, came on and harvested the corn and remained a year or two.

Jonathan Frisbie located at Eilenberger springs (originally known as Frisbie springs) in Albany in 1805 or '6. He had a large family of boys. After making a considerable improvement, he sold, 1815 and went West.

Daniel Heverly, the Overton pioneer, was a native of Northampton, afterwards Lehigh county, Pa. His parents, Adam and Maria Heverly, were thrifty Germans, the father being a liberal contributor to the State in the promotion of the war against the French and Indians and paying a substitute (he being exempt from age) to represent him in the Revolutionary war. Having been induced by the extraordinary opportunities offered in the "new country," he sold his valuable property in Lehigh county for 900 pounds Pennsylvania currency, and arranged for his emigration. Accordingly, in 1806, with his wife, five sons and two daughters, a heavy covered wagon, loaded with household goods and light farming implements, two horses, two cows and some young stock, he set out to find the rich lands, "flowing in milk and honey." His route was by way of Williamsport, thence up Lycoming Creek to Canton and down Towanda Creek to Greenwood. Here he tarried and upon the location of the Berwick and Elmira turnpike, contracted to build several sections of the road which passed through Southern Bradford. He was well pleased with the land which he found in the Overton basin and thinking the country would soon be settled along this road, he took up a tract of 640 acres.

Mr. Heverly built a log house and moved in with his family in 1810. In the midst of many surrounding dangers, this bold pioneer lived 14 miles from his nearest accessible neighbor. There were a few settlers over in Albany, but no means of forming an acquaintance, as there were no roads or paths between the two places. For three years Mrs. Heverly did not see a single female face, yet she was not disheartened or even thought of fleeing from the lonely spot. When Mr. Hev-

erly came to Overton the woods was full of wild beasts, panthers, bears and wolves, which were very troublesome. They frequently destroyed his sheep, calves and hogs, but whenever he got a chance at them, their lives paid the penalty for their depredations. Not infrequently would Heverly and his boys tree a panther. Should they thus bring their wily foe at bay at nightfall, they would build a fire at the base of the tree and keep it burning all night, so as to keep him from escaping, when upon the dawn of morning they would bring him down with a rifle ball.

Mr. Heverly soon made an opening in the wilderness and his first crops met the requirements of the family. Altogether he cleared about 70 acres. He possessed all the characteristics of the ideal pioneer. He was courageous, could endure privations and hardships without becoming disheartened, and was resourceful in providing for every emergency. Though not a large man, he was in many respects a very remarkable man. He stood about five feet seven, had a well-knit frame and weighed 160 pounds. He was athletic and knowing no fear, unfortunate was the victim that stirred his ire. At the age of 60 years he would place his hands upon a horse's hips and spring astraddle his back. He was a Hercules in strength, as the following will illustrate. About the year 1812 John D. Saunders erected a saw-mill on the South Branch. All the strong men for many miles around were at the raising to put the heavy timbers in place. As was common in those days, a lifting contest was engaged in. Heverly was the champion outlifting all the others.

Mr. Heverly was a genius. He had learned the art of weaving and when he came to Overton he brought his loom with him, manufacturing the cloth for his own and other families. He was also something of a tailor and made his own clothes. He had a knowledge of surgery and whenever an accident happened in the neighborhood he was called to set the broken bones. For years he was the only person in the settlement, who could thus go to the relief of an unfortunate neighbor. With a butcher-knife and saw he manufactured the window sash for his house, and in many other ways exercised his ingenuity. He had a pretty good education in German and sang with comforting satisfaction. The last years of his life he lived alone, and one of his greatest pleasures was the visits of young people, whom he always made happy by some little gift. He learned to speak English, but was "very dutchy" to those who remember him. He was noted for his benevolence and honesty. Generally too credulous, he was sometimes taken advantage of by unprincipled men. His career is most interesting, and "Grand-

father Heverly'' must be remembered as one of the truest and most heroic pioneers of Northern Pennsylvania. He died March 29, 1844, aged 80 years.

Many years before moving to Bradford county, Mr. Heverly had married Catharine Ott, a lady of many excellent qualities. She was a neat and dutiful house-wife, sharing the privations and hardships of her husband, like a heroine, with true Christian fortitude. Among other things she had a fondness for flowers and her flower beds were things of beauty. Her handsomely decorated dishes, which she had brought from Lehigh county, were the admiration of the neighborhood, and used with great care. Her demise occurred Jany. 20, 1831 at the age of 67 years. The children of Daniel and Catharine Heverly were Betsy, Catharine, Hannah, John, Daniel, Jacob, Christian and Henry, all born in Lehigh county.

Betsy married Leonard Streevy and was the mother of Isaac, Betsy (died unmarried), Nancy (Mrs. Ebaugh), Susan (Mrs. Daniel Kaufman), John, Lydia (Mrs. Youell Miller), Catharine, Jacob, Hannah (never married), Shubina (Mrs. Guycoris) and Louisa (Mrs. Wm. Kirkpatrick); died in Overton, June 1, 1827.

Hannah married Jacob Granteer, Jr. of Canton and was the mother of Eli and Electa (Mrs. Ozias Kilburn); died about 1819 at Canton.

Catharine married John, brother of Jacob Granteer and was the mother of Betsy (Mrs. Philander Case), Laurinda (Mrs. Samuel Conklin), Catharine (Mrs. Wm. Wilcox), Nancy (Mrs. Jesse Conklin), Henry and Katie (never married).

John, born March 14, 1788, shared with his father and brothers the hardships of pioneer life in Overton, where he died Aug. 11, 1864; he married, April 4, 1816, Almira, daughter of Amasa Kellogg of Monroe. Their children and marriages follow: *Amasa* to Betsy Ann Betts; *James* to Sally Rinebold; *Eunice* to George Irvine; *Catharine* to Gideon Boyles; *Maria* to Solomon Wayman; *Orlando* to Hannah Warren; *Adelinè* (only one living) to Sophronus Paris; *Almira* to Orange M. Chase; *Oliver Delanson* to Sarah Tompkins; *Mary Ann* to Geo. B. Neal.

Daniel like his father was a genius, noted hunter, faithful and successful pioneer, owning at one time 800 acres of land; in 1821 married Magdalene, daughter of Jacob Wilt, a soldier of the Revolution; died Feby. 11, 1874, aged 79 years. Their children and marriages: *Catharine* to Reuben Rinebold; *Elizabeth* to Sylvester Chapman; *Eli* to Angeline Rinebold; *Hannah* to 1st Wm. Waltman, to 2nd Jeremiah Kilmer, to 3rd Ezekiel D. Jones; *Daniel* (only one living, aged 85) to Elizabeth Heverly; *Henry* to Lovina Hottenstein; *Jacob* to Mary Dimock; *Mary Ann* died in childhood.

Jacob was a shoemaker and farmer; he died, unmarried, 1826, aged 29 years.

Christian, born Sept. 9, 1800, was a successful and enterprising pioneer; married 1st Hannah Warren and had one son William L.; married 2nd Martha Kilmer of Fox; died Dec. 27, 1860. Children and marriages follow: *William L.* to Almira Old; *Hannah* to 1st Moses M. Lewis, to 2nd Samuel Annable, to 3rd Eldaah Landon; *Catharine* to Horatio G. Ladd; *Celinda* (only one living) to Edward Rinebold; *Christian LeRoy* to 1st Harriet Heverly, to 2nd Eliza Place, to 3rd Lydia Crandall.

Henry, born Nov. 24, 1803, was noted for his industry and great strength; he married Rosina Kilmer, sister of his brother Christian's wife; died Sept. 5, 1871. Children and marriages: *Hannah* to John Molyneux; *Henry* to Louisa Chilson; *William* to Olive Corbin; *Rosina* to Reuben Camp; *Hester Ann* to Dr. John M. Heacock; *Alexander Chauncy* to Elizabeth Place.

John E. Kent, a blacksmith and noted story-teller, came to Monroe in or before 1809. He built a house near the junction of Kent Run (so called after him) with the South Branch. He claimed to have found a vein of coal on Kellogg mountain and it is said brought in loads of it upon his back in a basket and used it in his shop. When making his visits to this spot he would never allow any one to accompany him. "Kent's coal mine" has been the subject of much speculation for years. He married Sally, daughter of John Cranmer, whom he subsequently deserted. Of their children: *Orsemus* joined the Mormons and was a preacher of that faith; *Omer* went West and became a judge.

Williams Lee, born Jany. 31, 1771, came from Rensselaer county, N. Y. to Monroe in or before 1804. Six years later he joined the Albany pioneers and shared with them the hardships of life in a new country. Here he spent the balance of his days. His wife was Elizabeth Lindsley and their children, Morrilla (Mrs. Henry Hibbard), Polly (Mrs. Seth Stevens), Rachel (Mrs. Solon Lindsley), James married Tacy Scriven, Annah (Mrs. Abner Emory), Joseph married Hannah Brewster and Williams married Sally Brewster.

Archelaus Luce, a native of Vermont, who had been a sailor, settled on Hatch Hill, Albany township, 1811. He was a hard worker and cleared up a considerable farm; finally sold and moved to the Williams settlement in Sullivan county. He had several daughters.

Lewis Moffit from Massachusetts, located on the Ross farm in Granville, 1800, being the second settler in the township. He removed before 1812.

Benjamin Saxton, a native of Massachusetts, who had married Susie Coburn, born in Connecticut, came to Burlington in 1804. Here he pursued his trade of blacksmithing until 1807 when he settled in Granville township. He was known as the "pioneer blacksmith," following his trade in conjunction with the improvement of land until his death in 1842, aged 68 years. His wife survived him many years, dying at 93. The family has always been prominent in the affairs of Granville. The children of Benjamin and Susie Saxton were:

Lucy married Chauncy Hill and died at 94.

Susan married Elam Parkhurst.

Benjamin married Delight, daughter of Truman Holcomb of Ulster; followed farming and died in Granville, 1861, aged 61 years; children and marriages follow: *Valentine* to Polly Manley; *Lucy* to Hiram Kittle; *Oscar* to Perces Morse; *Solon J.* to Hattie Martin; *Edward* to Clara ——— of Owego; *Mahlon* died young; *Samantha* never married; *Susanna* to Chas. R. Kenyon; *Benjamin* to Anna Gillam; *Charles H.* to Emma Merritt.

Charles married and settled in New York state.

Mary married Henry Putnam.

Henry married Julia, daughter of Ezra Bailey; followed farming and died in Granville, 1852, aged 44; children and marriages: *Matilda* to Alfred Putnam; *Adolphus* to Jennette Catlin; *Sophia* to Loren M. Leonard; *Burton* to Mary Bailey; *Myra* died at 16; *Solomon* died in Andersonville, Civil War; *Franklin* to Ella Rockwell.

Sarah A. married Albert Watkins.

Lewis D. married Abigail Doty and had a daughter Mary Adeline; married 2nd Sarah Ann ———; he died Jany. 30, 1886 in Granville.

Oliver Nelson was one of the first settlers of Granville coming thereto in 1807. He continued improvements until 1847 when he sold to James Gee.

Uriah Baxter came from Connecticut to Granville, 1808. He settled and improved the Wm. Baldwin farm where he died, 1852. He married Keturah, daughter of Oliver Bailey (p 33) and had children, Chauncey, Ezra, Betsey (Mrs. Simeon West), Keturah (Mrs. Elam Parkhurst), Roxie (Mrs. John Vroman), Hannah (Mrs. Benj. West) and Oliver.

Oliver married Ruth Ross, lived and died in Granville; their chil-

dren were Uriah D., Jane (Mrs. N. W. Clark), Amanda (Mrs. John Mott) and Sarah (Mrs. N. W. Clark).

Kilburn Morley from Vermont joined the Wilson settlement at Alba in 1803. After eight years he removed to other parts.

William Cole and ***Oliver Woodward*** came to the Canton neighborhood in or before 1804. The former died, 1814, survived by his wife Elizabeth. Woodward remained in the locality some years.

Thomas Miles came to Canton township, settling permanently in or before 1806. His descendants still reside in the town.

Rev. Simeon Powers, a preacher of the Baptist denomination from Vermont, settled near Alba, 1807. He preached Sundays and worked on his farm the balance of the week. The first religious meetings (1808) in the neighborhood were conducted by him. The following is related: "During one of his meetings at the home of Jeremiah Smith, a large buck was discovered near the house. The preacher stopped in his 'fifthly' and Mr. Smith took down his rifle, stepped to the door, shot the deer and then cutting his throat, returned to the house and the discourse was continued and completed without the curtailment of a single paragraph or the loss of a word of its application. When the services were over, the worshipers dressed the venison and divided it among the families." Mr. Powers became pastor of the Columbia Baptist church, remaining until 1816 then accepted a call to Harmony, N. Y., where he died, 1842, aged 73.

Joel Stevens, a farmer and merchanic, came from Connecticut to East Troy in 1808. He purchased a farm where he died, 1814, survived by his wife, Lydia, and eleven children. His son, Joel, who married Celestia, daughter of Nathaniel Ballard, was a prominent citizen of Columbia. He died in 1881, aged 80 and was the father of Philander G. Stevens.

Alpheus Gillett served in the Revolutionary war, three years (1776-'79), as a private under Capt. Thomas Seymour in the regiment commanded by Colonel Sheldon of the Massachusetts line. In or before the year 1808, Mr. Gillett removed with his family and son-in-law, Aaron Marcellus, to the Athens district, locating in Ridgebery township. Here he followed farming and died. He enjoyed the benefits of a pension in his closing years. He left three or four sons, descendants of whom still live in the town.

Ebenezer Pease, a Revolutionary soldier, came to Smithfield from Milford, N. Y., 1809-'10, locating at the foot of Mitchell hill. He was a tanner and harness-maker by occupation. "The old hero was

wont to relate his thrilling war stories, hair-breadth escapes, trials and sufferings. Once he was captured by the Indians and was made to run the gauntlet. As he ran with Indians on either side of him, he was severely beaten. Sometimes he was knocked down or fell from exhaustion when the drubbing would cease until he arose to his feet again. The Indians were going to scalp him, but fortunately he had a 'double crown,' which the savages discovered and in superstitious fear of being haunted by the white man's spirit desisted. Mr. Pease is said to have understood the Indian language and at one time acted as interpreter for the government. He was one of the first supervisors of Smithfield and so well did he guard the interests of the town that when Dr. Bullock came in to locate with nothing but his pill-bags and a law book, Mr. Pease ordered him to leave, fearing he would become a town charge. This circumstance was related with much satisfaction by Dr. Bullock himself years afterwards. In his last years Mr. Pease became very lame and walked with two canes. Finally he got so infirm that when he went to the village, he pushed a chair ahead of him and as he wearied, would sit down in it and rest." The old patriot was given a pension for his services in the war. He died in the early 40's, aged over 80 years. His children were Jesse, Stephen, Laura and Rhoda. Only Jesse remained in the town the others going back to the state of New York.

Jesse married Celinda Scott and had children, Horace and Mary. Mrs. Pease died in 1820 and he married Abigail Forrest who bore him no children. He died May 16, 1862, aged 77 years.

Col. Edmund Lockwood, a native of Watertown, Conn., removed to Baltimore, Md. in 1810 where he entered the employ of Charles Carroll. He was soon after appointed by him agent for the sale of Carroll lands in Bradford and adjoining counties. He came on and established headquarters at Smithfield in 1811. Subsequently he removed to Ulster and settled permanently upon a large tract of land which he had purchased (1816). This he continued to improve and at the same time acted as land agent until his death. Mr. Lockwood served in the Connecticut militia from 1797 to 1810 and was commissioned successively captain, major and colonel. In Connecticut he had married Nancy Judson by whom he had two children, Caroline who married Samuel Simons and Charles died unmarried. His wife having died before coming to Bradford county, in 1816 Colonel Lockwood married Mrs. Mary Ann Russell, widow of Dr. Robert Russell. He died Jany. 16, 1834 in his 65th year. Mrs. Lockwood, b March 8, 1793, d July 5, 1865. During the more than thirty years of her widowhood, besides rearing her own children, she was more than a mother to perhaps a

score of others, who at various times and for longer or shorter periods, found a home beneath her roof. Her hospitable mansion was always open to the poor, the needy and unfortunate and was often filled for days at a time by those who had no claim to her hospitality other than her invitation to share it with her. She had a tenacious memory and good conversational powers. Having been born and reared on the spot which for more than 70 years was her home, she had a very wide acquaintance and in her later years many people resorted to her for information of the early history of the county, which she was fond of recounting. The children of Colonel and Mrs. Lockwood were:

Edmund who occupied a portion of the homestead.
Abigail C. married John Jones and lived in Ulster.
Richard Caton lived at Wellsburg, N. Y.
Samuel Simons lived in Athens.
Mary Ann married Daniel B. Walker and lived in Ulster.
Phebe Maria married Henry Segar and lived in Ulster.
Francis and *Charles* died in childhood.

Moses Warford, a native of Kingwood, Hunterdon county, N. J., came to Macedonia about 1810 where he purchased a large tract of land, since known as the Col. E. J. Ayres farm. He was an industrious and worthful citizen and continued to improve his property until his death. He had married Catharine Powers of Frenchtown, N. J. who died April 18, 1831 in her 50th year. Mr. Warford died Dec. 26, 1848, aged nearly 71 years. Their children were John Jewell, James, Nelson, Cyrus, Anna and Embly Drake (drowned in boyhood).

John J. married Phidelia Arnout and kept hotel at Monroeton; died in 1853, aged 46 years.

James married Susannah Merry of Troy; was for a number of years engaged in wagon-making at Towanda; died at Waverly in 1880, aged 71 years.

Nelson married Catharine Hart and was a merchant at Monroeton where he died.

Cyrus married Abby Pettit and kept hotel at Waverly and died there.

Anna married Abiel B. Mills and lived in New York city. She was the mother of Gen. A. L. Mills of the U. S. army.

Jared Woodruff, born Aug. 14, 1789 at Barrington, Mass., made a trip to the West on foot and alone in 1812. With no particular point in view he drifted into Monroe and after having lived there a short time, a brother, Urial, came in. They purchased the improvements which had been made by John Northrup. They erected a double log

house and Urial, who was married, occupied one part and Jared keeping bachelor's hall in the other. He had a cow and made his own butter by stirring it with a spoon in a crock. March 2, 1814, he married Sophronia, daughter of Timothy Alden. The young couple, full of hope and ambition, began life under the most trying circumstances. The first year after their marriage they packed the butter, made from their cow, in a barrel and took it to Ithaca and exchanged it for a cake of white sugar, a pound of tea and some other groceries. The sugar and tea were all they had for a whole year. One year Mr. Woodruff had but few products to turn off, his best crop being pumpkins. Drying a lot of these, he took them to Syracuse and exchanged for salt. "Pumpkin molasses" was used to save the butter and thorn-apples were gathered and dried for sauce. Fruit was a luxury and when in season, Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff would spend an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Rutty on Sugar Creek, eat apples and enjoy themselves in the good old way of long ago. Their trips were usually made on horseback, Mrs. Woodruff occupying the rear seat with him. Frequently they were required "to go to the neighbors to borrow fire." Through their frugality, after a few years, Mr. Woodruff was able to buy out the interest of his brother who moved to Spencer, N. Y. After years of diligence and toil, the closing days of this worthy couple, were spent in peace and plenty. Mr. Woodruff was long a member of the Presbyterian church. "His life was an exemplification in religion, an ornament to society and a benefit to the community." His demise occurred June 9, 1875. Mrs. Woodruff, a woman of beautiful religious life, b May 9, 1793, d April 8, 1876. Their children were:

Corydon, b Dec. 26, 1814, was drowned June 5, 1837.

Philyndia, b Nov. 6, 1817, married Dr. E. H. Mason, d Mch 26, 1907 in Towanda.

Phidelia, b Feby. 23, 1820, married Jonas P. Smith, d March 23, 1856.

Jared F., b Jany. 12, 1823, married Jane Howie, occupied the homestead and d March 18, 1904.

Bernice, b March 29, 1832, married Geo. D. Jackson of Dushore, Pa.

Oscar H., b Feby. 13, 1836, married Emily L. Jackson of Dushore, practiced dentistry in Towanda, d Oct. 29, 1865.

George Alger for fourteen years a sea captain, "learning that a fortune could soon be had by investing in the rich lands found in the Susquehanna Valley in northern Pennsylvania, sold his mill property at Chatham, Columbia county, N. Y. and set out to find the new Eldo-

rado." He arrived at Towanda in 1800 and purchased of Job Irish the farm known as the Patton place. Soon after locating upon the farm he erected a framed barn, set out fruit trees and in a few years had his farm well improved and stocked. He was also a skillful cooper and supplied the neighborhood with barrels, churns and other cooperage. With a pair of moulds he manufactured pewter spoons which he sold to the settlers. Mr. Alger died between 1809–'12 and was buried in his garden. His wife, Sarah, survived him some years. She was buried beside him. Two of their daughters came to Towanda with them: *Lois* married Edsell Carr and removed to Ohio; *Irene* married 1st Joseph Brown, 2nd Moses Carter, 3rd Peter Johnson of Rome.

Thomas Ballard, a native of Massachusetts, moved with his family from Greene county, N. Y., joining the settlement of his cousins, the Ballards, in West Burlington, 1800-1. He was a noted hunter. The trials and privations of the family were many and severe but were met with true pioneer courage, and years of unremitting toil were rewarded by peace and plenty. Mr. Ballard died in Troy at the age of 95 years and his wife at 80. Mr. Ballard's wife was Catharine Provin and their children, Orrin P., Ira P., Polly, John V., Samantha, James A. P. and Eliza.

Orrin P., (b February 22, 1798, d Aug. 8, 1872) began his successful career at the age of 17 as a clerk for Clement Paine of Athens. In 1822 he established the first store in Troy and for 30 years was the most prominent business man in Western Bradford. In connection with his mercantile business he carried on various other enterprises. He ran a stage route from Troy to Elmira and also kept a hotel several years. He established the first paper in Troy, being the *Anti-Masonic Gazette*, which was edited by Thos. E. Paine. He was also an extensive landholder. "As a business man he was very methodical and his success was attributed largely to his foresight, remarkable energy and strict integrity." In 1823 Mr. Ballard married Amanda, daughter of Moses Calkins (I—247) and after her death (1826) he married Eliza Ann, daughter of Howard and Lucy (Allen) Spalding. His children were Orrin P., Catharine E. (Mrs. Wm. B. Orwan), Mary C., Lucy H. (Mrs. Webler Nichols), Julia J. (Mrs. Robt. A. Crawford), Amanda E. (Mrs. Ed Spalding), Edward F., Francis L., Eliza A. (Mrs. Thos. Maxwell) and Frederick E.

Ira P. was a successful and prosperous farmer in Troy township; was a remarkable and interesting old gentleman; died April 25, 1893, aged 93, married 1st Roxanna Peach, 2nd Fanny Beach and had children, George F., Gordon M., Louisa (Mrs. Ed. E. Loomis), Walter

E., Robert A., Susan P. (Mrs. Lewis Wilber) and Fanny A. (Mrs. D. A. Lament).

Polly, born Aug. 24, 1806, married, 1828 Dr. Armenius Fellows and settled at Mainesburg, Tioga county, Pa. She was a very remarkable woman of beautiful life. Her death occurred at nearly 100 years.

John V. followed farming successfully in Troy township; died Aug. 8, 1899, aged 90. He married Maria, daughter of Enos Smith of Smithfield. Their children were Shepard H., Sevellon A., Guy S., Lert J. and Job. Mr. Ballard married for his second wife Louisa Swain.

Samantha married Luther Goddard of West Burlington.

James A. P. settled in Troy township; married 1st Margaret King, 2nd Lucy Jane Bowen; died 1860, leaving a daughter, Louisa Jane.

Eliza married Jehiel McKean of West Burlington.

David Palmer came to Burlington where he remained for a time then in 1804 removed to Columbia, he and his family being among the first and prominent pioneers.

Charles Keyes, a hatter by occupation, first stopped in Burlington and in 1807 located permanently in Columbia where he gave more attention to the improvement of a farm. He died in 1856 leaving children, Stephen, Edmund, Hannah, Stillman and Demmon.

Calvin Tinkham from Hampshire county, Mass., located in the wilderness of Columbia, 1807, cutting the first tree upon the farm which he cleared and improved. Here he died and was succeeded by his son, S. P. Tinkham who occupied the farm during his life-time.

Nathaniel Merritt from Vermont was another settler in Columbia, 1807. He had five sons, one of whom was Curtis Merritt, many years a resident of Sylvania.

John Bixby settled in Columbia, 1808. He cleared and improved a farm upon which he died October, 1866, aged nearly 90 years. He left children, Sylvanus, Hiram, D. Nancy (Mrs. Willard), Ezra, Mary, John, Eliza (Mrs. Cowan), Mariam (Mrs. Wood), Daniel, Gilbert H., Warren and Lorinda (Mrs. Cunningham).

Asa Howe, a resident of Norfolk, Conn. in April, 1776, enlisted in the company of Captain Pettibone, Colonel Porter's regiment of the Connecticut troops and served 1½ months; subsequently served three other enlistments with the Connecticut troops as a private. In September, 1777 he enlisted in the company of Captain Lawrence, served 1½ months; in 1778 served 6 months in the company of Captain Beebe under Colonel Eno; in 1780 served 6 months under Captain Wright in

Colonel Bradley's regiment. In 1808 he removed from the East to Columbia, Bradford county where he settled permanently. He was one of the original members of the Columbia Baptist church and a number of years one of its ruling elders. He was twice married. By his former marriage he had a son Asa and perhaps other children. He was given a pension under the Act of 1832, and on Dec. 22, 1833 was married to Priscilla Gray. He died July 6, 1844, aged 84 years and Priscilla was pensioned as his widow.

Joseph Beaman (b Jany. 27, 1785, d Aug. 12, 1872), a native of Bennington, Vt. and son of Joseph Beaman, a faithful soldier of the Revolution, came to Columbia, 1807-8 and took up a farm which he cleared and improved. He was for many years a local Baptist preacher. He married Almira Burrell of Tioga county. Their children were Mary (Mrs. D. B. Knapp), Martha M. (Mrs. L. E. Haven), Joseph, Sarah (Mrs. Austin Edsall), David, Ruth, William, Lydia, John W. and Lucy (Mrs. C. E. Colony).

Elnathan Goodrich removed with his family from Delaware county, N. Y. to Columbia in 1810. He engaged in the improvement of land until his death Feby. 28, 1846, aged 70 years. His youngest son, Elisha Sheldon, became a man of note. St. John, Stephen D. and George were other sons.

Elisha Sheldon Goodrich, son of Elnathan, born Aug. 15, 1810, grew to manhood in Columbia. He began his career as a school teacher. In 1831, at the age of 21, he was appointed by Governor Wolf, Register and Recorder of the county, an office he filled five years and served as a justice of the peace for Towanda at the same time. He was chosen transcribing clerk of the State Senate in 1844 and chief clerk in 1845 and '46. In 1852 he was appointed deputy secretary of the Commonwealth and held that office three years. In most of his private enterprises he was a prominent man before the public. In 1835 he purchased the *Northern Banner*, which he published two years, then engaged in the mercantile business. In 1840 he established the *Porter*, subsequently *Re-Porter*, with which he remained connected several years. In 1859 he purchased the *Luzerne Federalist* and continued the paper until failing health compelled him to relinquish his labors. He returned to Towanda in 1860 to enjoy his closing years. "In all his varied positions before the public Mr. Goodrich proved himself worthy of the confidence and secured the esteem of his fellow citizens. But few men have filled offices of public trust so long and retired, finally, with a deeper or more general respect and esteem of all parties than he. In all his relations he was the same upright, generous, high-minded gen-

tleman." Mr. Goodrich married 1st Achsah, daughter of Eli Parsons (I—328) and had children, Elnathan O'Meara, Hiram P. and Cordelia (Mrs. S. V. Shipman); married 2nd Rose W. —— and had a son, Alexander; died in Towanda, June, 1862.

Elnathan O'Meara (b June 23, 1824, d Jany. 28, 1881) was long prominent in political life and editor and publisher of the *Bradford Reporter* for 35 years; served as prothonotary of the county, 1860 to '66; was surveyor of port of Philadelphia, 1869 to 1881; married Susanna O'Hara whom with two daughters he left at his death.

Hiram P. was an engineer upon the North Branch Canal and assistant surveyor of the port of Philadelphia under his brother.

St. John Goodrich, son of Elnathan, spent his early life in Columbia; read law with Wm. Elwell at Athens and was admitted to the Bradford county bar, 1841; was appointed Collector of Tolls at Harrisburg, a position he held several years; removed to Warren, Pa. and engaged in journalism; finally settled in Omaha, Nebraska where he died.

Kellogg—In 1660 three Kellogg brothers came from Scotland to America. Early in the history of Bradford county it was found upon investigation that a descendant of each of these three brothers had settled here. They were Daniel, Amasa and Luman.

Daniel Kellogg came from Balsam Springs, N. Y. to Ulster about 1811; finally settled at Towanda where he died a few years later and was buried in Riverside cemetery. His widow afterwards married Capt. Ralph Martin of Wysox. The children of Daniel Kellogg were Electa, Eliza, Huldah, Hiram, Stern, Harvey, Harley and Alvah.

Electa married Loren Shaw and died in Towanda.

Eliza married Nathaniel Eaton of Towanda.

Huldah married Noah Spalding of Towanda.

Hiram settled in the West.

Stern married Samantha Dobbins of Troy, removed to and died in New Orleans, La.

Harvey married Mary Chaapel of LeRoy; he had previously married three sisters, Sylvira, Sally and Celinda Cole; he died in LeRoy.

Harley settled and died in the West.

Alvah followed blacksmithing in Towanda until 1827 when he removed to Franklin township where he died, 1833. He married 1st Mary Morse of Franklin and had children, Alonzo, Harvey, John, Angeline (Mrs. Geo. J. Goff) and Matilda (Mrs. Richard Dearmond); married 2nd Tacy Chaapel of LeRoy and had children, Mary (Mrs. Eli Rockwell) and Emma (Mrs. Edward Montgomery).

Amasa Kellogg (b April 18, 1776, d Nov. 30, 1851), a native of Hillsdale, Columbia county, N. Y. came to Monroe in 1813. His wife was Eunice Chadwick (b May 9, 1777, d April 12, 1844). Their children were Almira, Moses, Ezra C., Oliver W., Anna M. and Daniel.

Almira, b Aug. 21, 1799, married John Heverly of Overton, d May 18, 1880.

Moses, b March 23, 1801, married Mehitable Mason, d May 4, 1864.

Ezra Chadwick, b Oct. 8, 1804, married Lovina Sweet, served as county treasurer and county commissioner, d March 12, 1885.

Oliver W., b July 27, 1808, settled in Texas, married Judith Scratch, died 1884,

Anna M., b Aug. 28, 1810, married Hiram Baker.

Daniel, b Feby. 14, 1813, married Eliza McMicken and died in Albany.

Luman Kellogg was an early and prominent settler of Smithfield. His wife was Hannah ———. Chauncey, Austin, Capt. Harvey, Winsel F. and Helmont were of this family.

Ethan Baldwin, physician and lawyer, came from Washington county, Pa. to Burlington about 1811 where he practiced medicine. Upon the organization of the county he removed to Towanda and occupied the Powell farm where he erected the stone house, a land mark for many years. In January, 1813 when the first court was convened in the county, he was admitted and sworn as a practicing attorney, being the first resident attorney of Towanda. It is said that he was not a complete success as a physician; but "as an advocate of the bar he was famed for metaphorical comparisons and illustrations, and his imagery was often sublime." He had an extraordinary memory, prolific imagination and was moreover an inventive genius and writer. In making one of his experiments he was badly disfigured by an explosion of steam. In 1822 he was a volunteer candidate for congress and received 350 votes in the county. He was county auditor, 1816 to '19 and in 1841 was appointed postmaster for Towanda. He was the first resident deputy attorney-general or district attorney of the county, serving during the years 1821, '22 and '23. Mr. Baldwin removed to Harrisburg in 1828, but returned to Towanda in 1839, where he remained until 1845, when he moved to Philadelphia. He was a prominent and active Free Mason and took a deep interest in the welfare of the local organization. He was also the author of several pamphlets. Dr. Baldwin was married but we have no record of any children.

Ethan Baldwin.

David Rundell, a native of France came to Ulster in 1801 where he married Polly Ensign. He settled in Burlington and was for many years a pioneer Protestant Methodist preacher, making long circuits on horseback. His death occurred in 1831 at the age of 60 years. He had a family of nine children, seven of whom were Austin, Harrison Perry, Ensign Dickerson, Lorenzo Mentor, Polly, Minerva Ann and William Stilwell.

William Knapp, a native of Orange county, N. Y. and son of a patriot of the Revolution, came to Ulster in or before 1801 and there labored faithfully and endured the privations of pioneer life until 1827 when he moved to Burlington township. Here he cleared and improved a farm and operated a grist and saw-mill on Sugar Creek. He had married Nancy, daughter of Lockwood Smith of Ulster (I—139); died August 15, 1862, aged 84 years, 3 mos and 6 ds. They had a family of twelve children, the late Robert M. Knapp being the youngest.

Samuel Case was a prominent pioneer of Troy township coming thereto in or before 1801. He had sons Zina, Philander, Thomas, Samuel, Benjamin and John.

Philander married Betsy E., daughter of John Grantier of Canton, died May 7, 1881; their children were Delight (Mrs. Geo. Wing), Elizabeth P. (Mrs. Courtland Clark), Delilah (Mrs. John Haflet), Helen (Mrs. Geo. Haflet), Margaret (Mrs. Moses Farman), Delphene (Mrs. Benj. Putnam), Harriet (Mrs. Hyman Bates), Philander, Herbert H. and Franklin.

Zina died Feby. 1, 1880 in Troy township, survived by his wife Amelia and children, David M., Burt, Charlotte (Mrs. Harrison W. Greeno), Mary J. (Mrs. Jabez Case), Hester (Mrs. Mial Watkins) and Margaret (Mrs. Alex. Kennedy).

Thomas died, 1872 in Canton, survived by his wife Isabel.

John married Julia A., daughter of Eldrich Ward, died in Granville; their children, Minerva A. (Mrs. Chas. Dickinson), Emeline, Fidelia (Mrs. Lyman Daley), John H. and Samuel R.

Thomas Merritt, born February 13, 1758, served as a private in the 8th regiment Albany county (N. Y.) Militia, commanded by Col. Robert Van Rensselaer in the Revolutionary war. He came to Sugar Creek, settling in Troy before 1812 and there continued to reside until his death, Nov. 23, 1834. His wife was Anna ———. Both rest in Glenwood cemetery, Troy. They left a son, *James*, who married Mary Buckout.

Isaac Rundell located in Canton township about 1806. He died in 1818 and his wife, Margaret, and Samuel Griffin were appointed administrators of his estate.

Comfort Peters, who enlisted in the Revolutionary war at Douglass, Mass., came to Columbia township in 1808. He was a noted basket-maker and supplied a wide section of country with his handiwork. In 1831 he sold to Daniel Gregory and returned East; died April 9,

1833 at Swansey, N. H., aged 78. Comfort S., Genebeth and Wilmot Peters were evidently his sons.

Isaac Cooley, born Nov. 4, 1784 at Springfield, Mass., located permanently in Springfield township, 1808. He was a worthful citizen and long prominent in public and civil affairs. He served as county auditor, county commissioner and as a member of the State legislature. He took an active interest in military affairs, was promoted to the rank of major and generally known as "Major Cooley." He married, May 14, 1808, Betsey Norman, before his emigration to Bradford county. Their children were John N., Caleb W. (died at 11), Mary P. (Mrs. B. K. Adams), Jane E. (Mrs. Caleb S. Burt) and Isaac A. For his second wife, he married Margaret, daughter of Bela Kent, and had children, Rodney H. and Maria M. (Mrs. James Allen). Major Cooley died Nov. 13, 1867.

George Hyde joined the settlers of Wells, 1808. He took an active interest in public affairs, was some years a justice of the peace, elected county auditor, 1818 and county commissioner, 1820. He subsequently sold and removed from the county.

Zephaniah Knapp (b Dec. 6, 1781, d Mch 4, 1859) came from Orange county, N. Y. to Wells township about 1810. He passed through many and severe hardships in his struggle to establish a home in the wilderness. Often he was pursued by wolves when returning home after nightfall with a grist from Southport. He was noted for his industry, honesty and upright life. His wife, Amy, born Sept. 6, 1781, died April 15, 1857. Their children were Charles, Peter R., David G., Annanias W., Sheldon Z., Clarissa (Mrs. M. M. Clark), Abner and James W.

Capt. Stephen Smith, who had served his country faithfully in the Revolutionary war, came from Chenango county, N. Y. to Windham township, 1805. His grandson, *Jared Smith*, came to Windham the same year. The latter built two saw-mills on the Wappusening, the first in the town. The Smiths continued improvements until 1816 when they sold to Joseph Webster, Captain Smith returning to New York state and Jared emigrating to Illinois.

Henry Hiney, a German, came from Canada to Sheshequin, locating on the Bidlack place in or before 1808. He made and peddled brooms and became blind. His wife is remembered as an ardent Baptist. Their children were Timothy, Henry, William, George, Matthew, Christopher, Mrs. Cyrus Wheeler and Mrs. Earl Wright.

Peter Barnard came to Sheshequin in or before 1809. He mar-

ried Roba, daughter of Abel Newell, and settled the Bird and Burton Gillett place. He was a hard-working man and cleared a considerable part of his farm. After the death of his wife he disposed of his property and removed to Illinois where he died. His children were George, Julia, Sally, Polly, Lucy and Martha. *George* went to Illinois; *Julia* married Calvin Tuttle and *Sally* a Collins.

Thaddeus Hemenway, who had served with the Massachusetts troops five years in the Revolutionary war and took part in the battles of Stillwater, Newport and Lake George, came to Sheshequin in or before 1812. He spent his last years in the Ghent neighborhood and Rome. The old patriot was fond of repeating the following:

"Hicks and Gibbs marched along from Watertown to glory;
Hemenway composed a song and Bump told hunting stories."

Mr. Hemenway died at Bumpville. His wife Lavina survived him some years. Their children and marriages follow: *Sarah* to Gersham Towner; *John* to Deborah Gray; *Joseph* to Pamelia Shipman; *Levi* to Elizabeth Brague; *Lavina* to Abraham Towner; *William* to Rachel ———.

Josiah White, a native of New Hampshire, while yet in his teens, came to Litchfield in 1808. He cleared and improved a farm upon which he died, 1878, aged 88 years. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He married Lutheda Watkins and had children, Charlotte W. (Mrs. Hayward), Clarissa (Mrs. Vanduzer), Pamelia A. (Mrs. H. F. Maynard) and Lucretia (Mrs. Martin Rogers).

David Williams, a native of Wales and blacksmith by occupation, located at Troy in or before 1812. He died at Alba, Feby. 10, 1849. His wife was Rachel Hayden who died March 29, 1865. Their children were Harrison, Catherine, Edwin C., Lewis, Samuel and Olive.

Harrison married Sara Everett, had seven children, lived in Granville.

Catherine married Andrew Fitch of Granville and had six children.

Edwin C. (b 1814, d Oct. 1875) married Julia Ann (b July 30, 1815), daughter of Ansel and Betsey (Case) Williams, had one child, Ansel D.

Lewis (b Aug. 7, 1816, d 1885) married Caroline McIntosh and had seven children.

Samuel (d Dec. 25, 1865) married Eliza, daughter of John and Betsey (Cole) Clifton and had four children.

Olive married Jacob Linderman of Troy and had six children.

Walter S. Minthorn, a mechanic, located on Sugar Creek, 1812. He enlisted in the War of 1812 and lost a leg in the service. After his return he lived in Towanda for a time, during which, Nov. 25, 1815, his wife and two of their children were drowned by the sinking of a ferry-boat on which they were crossing the river. Minthorn spent his last days at North Rome where he manufactured bureaus and other household furniture. He married for his second wife, Dorcas, daughter of Silas Cole. He died Dec. 18, 1848, aged 64 years.

Jesse Woodruff, Towanda's first tailor, was born Nov. 26, 1790 in Bridgton, N. J., being the youngest of ten children of Jesse Woodruff. He learned the tailor's trade in Philadelphia then came to Wilkes-Barre where he worked a short time, thence took the stage for Towanda where he arrived on the 25th of November, 1812. He says: "I found a miserable looking place and wished myself back to Wilkes-Barre." The inhabitants of the village then were Wm. Means, Harry Spalding, Burr Ridgway, Adam Conley, Abijah Northrup, E. B. Gregory, Oliver Newell and the Watts family. He rented a log-house west of Mr. Gregory's for a tailor-shop and having received a liberal patronage says: "Before my quarter was up I had got pretty well contented and purchased the lot and logs with it for $175." Mr. Woodruff continued business here several years and it is evident that he kept apace with the times from the following appearing in the *Bradford Gazette* under date of Aug. 9, 1813:

> "Jesse Woodruff, tailor, respectfully informs the citizens of Towanda and vicinity, that he has commenced business opposite Mr. Gregory's and intends carrying on the tailoring business on an extensive scale and hopes by his workmanship and punctuality to merit a a share of the public patronage."

After quitting the tailoring business, Mr. Woodruff built a hotel on the ground now occupied by the Chamberlain block. His place was known as the *Tiger Hotel* and was afterwards kept by Daniel Bartlett to whom he sold. He built a second hotel, the *Bradford House*, on the site of the old Reporter building and the Council rooms. This he sold to Ira H. Stephens then purchased a farm in North Towanda where he remained until 1863 when he went to Battle Creek, Mich. to live with a daughter. His death occurred Sept. 29, 1880. "Uncle Jesse" as he was familiarly known was a man whose company was enjoyed by the youth and aged alike. He was genial, always ready to crack or enjoy a joke and especially apt in repartee. Among other pastimes he enjoyed a game of checkers and became such an expert that his equal could hardly be found. He married, July 23, 1814, Mrs. Polly (Dobbins) Ballard of Burlington and had the following children: *Celinda* (Mrs,

Edward Young); *Mary* (Mrs. Isaac Kellum); *Thomas P.* died in California; *Leroy* died in Towanda; *Ruth* died in young womanhood.

Shepard Patrick, a native of Connecticut, married Catharine Goodwin of Kingston, Pa. In 1812 he removed from the latter place to Wysox, purchasing the property opposite the brick church. Here he lived many years, finally sold and went to Illinois where he died. His children were:

Shepard G. educated at Jefferson college, read law with David Wilmot and admitted to the Bradford county bar, 1841; was a young man of fine natural abilities and an eloquent speaker; in the early 40's he went to Dixon, Ill., forming a partnership with Silas Noble, formerly of Towanda; during their association in business both were nominated for state senator, Patrick as a Democrat and Noble as a Whig, the latter was elected; Patrick accumulated considerable property, he married Phœbe Shaw and had five children.

Sophronia married Col. D. M. Bull of Towanda and had 5 children.

Mary Flower married Samuel Owen of Wysox and was the mother of 7 children.

William died unmarried, 1854 at Dixon, Ill.

Emily married John Thiers of Troy.

Samuel Hoyt, a native of Guilford, Conn., who had married Mary, daughter of Samuel Bartlett of Vermont; after the removal of the latter to Sheshequin, also came with his family in 1812. He was a cabinet maker and carpenter by occupation, being especially noted for his skill as a builder. He was the first mechanic in that section of the country to use the square in laying out his frame work; and when he put up his first building, the Snyder house, people came for miles around to see the frame. A large number of the houses and barns in the valley were constructed by him. Mrs. Hoyt was a celebrated tailoress and made fine suits for men. She was patronized from all the surrounding neighborhoods and so busy was she kept by plying the needle that she frequently had the aid of half a dozen assistants. Mr. Hoyt died Dec. 21, 1842, aged 73 years and 6 mos. His wife died Aug. 9, 1849, aged 70 years and 5 mos. Their children were:

Chlotilda married Obadiah Spalding.

Hannah M. married Samuel Marshall.

Statira, b March 19, 1807, married Amos P. Spalding, d July 28, 1855.

Samuel B. married 1st Flora Ames, 2nd Mrs. Matilda Angle, died in Athens.

Giles M., b March 20, 1820, married Almira Green, died May 29, 1903 at Greens Landing.

Isaac Custer (Caster, Custard), a New Jersey Dutchman, enlisted in April, 1777 from Sussex county as a private in the company of Capt. William Holmes, Colonel Shreve's 2nd regiment of New Jersey troops and served until December, 1778 when he was discharged at White Marsh, Pa. Mr. Custer found his way into Bradford county about 1809, first settling at Wyalusing. After some years he removed to Wysox where he died Jany. 20, 1843, aged 90 years. By his wife Hannah he had children, General, William, Darius, Isaac, Simeon and Temperance (Mrs. John Hall). Both Mr. and Mrs. Custer rest in the Wysox cemetery.

George Bowen emigrated from Seekonk, Rhode Island to Warren township, 1811. He cut the first tree on the farm which he cleared and improved. For a number of years he also operated a grist-mill and a saw-mill, being one of the most prosperous pioneers. Four of his brothers, William, Noah, Brown and Caleb followed him to Warren. He married Sarah Allen, who died in 1858; he died, 1844. Their children were George W., Noah C., Allen, Martha (Mrs. Henry T. Newman), Maria (Mrs. Josephus Sleeper), Nancy (Mrs. Nathan Young), Lucinda (Mrs. Nelson Pratt), Jacob, Romanda (Mrs. Jesse Newman), Joanna (Mrs. David Brainard), Mary (Mrs. Josephus Sleeper).

Scott –"About the year 1750 Thomas Scott was kidnaped from his home in England and brought to America to prevent him inheriting a fortune. He was bound out for a term of years by the master of the ship to remunerate him for the expense of bringing young Scott over. It is learned from the records of the town clerk of Ashford, Windham county, Conn. that Thomas Scott, born 1744 and Sarah Hale, born 1748, were joined in marriage, Feby. 16, 1769 and at the same time, Thomas Scott received a deed for six acres of land from one John Hale, supposed to be his father-in-law. In 1781 they removed to Halifax where they reared a family of ten children. Here Thomas Scott died June 3, 1802 and his wife, Feby. 27, 1805."

Asahel Scott, the fifth child of Thomas and Sarah Scott, was born July 2, 1768 at Ashford, Conn. He moved to Halifax with his parents and afterwards married Elizabeth Peck of New Hampshire. In 1810 they removed to Smithfield then an almost unbroken wilderness

and took up land about three miles northeast of the village of Smithfield. This land was cleared and converted into one of the finest farms in the township. After the death of Mr. Scott the farm passed to his son Asahel and is still owned by members of the Scott family. Mr. Scott died Dec. 29, 1823 and his wife, born Aug. 29, 1772, died May 10, 1847. They reared a family of eight children who were among the most honored and respected residents of Smithfield. They were Asahel, Ansel, Aaron C., Benjamin P., Linda, Elmina, Celia and Eliza.

Asahel married Malinda Sherman of Springfield; died Feby. 9, 1867 at Turner Junction, Ill.; his wife died Aug. 6, 1882 in Springfield.

Ansel married Hope Pierce of Smithfield; died Nov. 13, 1870; she died July, 1870.

Aaron C. married Jane Parcel of Ithaca, N. Y.; lived in Smithfield.

Benjamin Peck married Mrs. Laura Brown; died Feby. 28, 1884 in Smithfield.

Linda married William I. Williams of Springfield: died Nov. 17, 1850.

Elmina married Davis Pierce of Smithfield; died Jany. 25, 1825.

Celia married Joseph Perkins of Smithfield; died March 1, 1876.

Eliza married Daniel Harkness of Springfield.

William Scott (not related to Asahel) was a native of Dutchess county, N. Y. In April, 1778 he enlisted and served a term of nine months in Colonel Courtlandt's regiment of the New York line. He married Mary Stancliff of Kinderhook. In 1810 he and his son John with their families came from Milford, floating down the Susquehanna on a raft to Ulster, thence proceeded into the wilderness, settling two miles east of East Smithfield on the farm of now E. L. Scott. Since the settlement, the farm has remained in the Scott family, the original members of which "were strong Baptists, an honored and respected people, most of whom lived to a good old age." Mr. Scott died April 8, 1838, aged 89 and his wife, Aug. 26, 1839, aged 88. Both rest in the East Smithfield cemetery. They had ten children of whom the following are remembered: James, William, John, Thomas, Sally (Mrs. Eli Bose) and Celinda (Mrs. Jesse Pease).

John married Sally Beals of Milford, N. Y.; came to Smithfield, 1810 and died there, Aug. 8, 1871; children and marriages follow: *Bathsheba* to Buckley Tracy, Smithfield; *Thomas* to Angeline Barber, Ledyard, N. Y.; *Susan* to Caleb Adams, Smithfield; *Levi B.* to Sally Ann Miller, Ulster; *Sarah Ann* to Mason Beals, Milford, N. Y.

William Watkins, b February 29, 1752, a distinguished soldier of the Revolution, who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill, came from

Ashford, Conn. to Athens township about 1810. He soon after purchased in Smithfield where he lived a few years then returned to Athens and died Nov. 17, 1828 at Green's Landing. Major Watkins, as he was popularly known, married Lois Jennings, who died July 30, 1851, aged 91 years. Their children were John, Oliver, William, Amasa and Anna.

John, b Jany. 6, 1789, came to Bradford county with his father; was a merchant, hotel keeper and farmer at Green's Landing where he died March 23, 1869; married 1st, April 11, 1813, Betsey Green, 2nd, Dec. 22, 1840, Mrs. Mary Green; children and marriages: *Lymnia* to Anthony Snell; *Matilda* to Lorenzo Watkins; *John* to Mary Proudfoot; *Betsey* 1st to Israel Stone, 2nd to Charles Westbrook; *Amasa* 1st to Rachel Huff, 2nd to Rhoda Welton, 3rd to Elizabeth Welton; *Roxanna* to John Huff; *Miner* to Helen Roberts; *Seth* to Christine London; *Horace* to Ruby Keeney; *Francis* 1st to Annette Cortright, 2nd to Mrs. Anna C. English.

Oliver married Roxanna Kelly of Smithfield.

William married Elizabeth Mitchell of Smithfield.

Amasa died at the age of 16 years.

Anna married J. Olmstead Tracy of Smithfield.

Phelps—William Phelps, the progenitor of the family in America, a native of Tewksbury, England, came over in the ship *Mary* and *John* of Winthrop's fleet "to begin in good earnest the peopling of Boston and vicinity." The ship left Plymouth, March 20, 1630 with 140 passengers and arrived on the New England coast, May 30th following. They were landed at Nantasket but soon made their way to a good location and founded a town which they named Dorchester, now South Boston. In October, 1635, William Phelps started with his family to unite with those who under the leadership of Thomas Hooker were about to lay the foundations of the State of Connecticut. He had already been one of the first explorers to prospect for the new settlement and was one with seven others to whom the General Court of Massachusetts committed the sole administration of the affairs of the new plantation for one year. From this time on his time and energies seem to have been devoted almost entirely to the public interests of the colony. After living at Windsor 36 years he died there, July 14, 1672 in his 73rd year. John Phelps of the fourth generation from William removed from Windsor to Hebron, Conn.

Maj. Jared Phelps of the sixth generation from William was born October 15, 1760 at Windsor, Conn. He served in the Revolutionary war, enlisting in the company of Captain William Judd, 3rd

regiment Connecticut line, 25th March, 1777, for three years; appointed fife major, April 19, 1779; mustered out March 25, 1780; re-enlisted July 25, 1781 as a fife major. He served under the immediate command of General Washington and participated in the various campaigns and battles with him. A descendant says: "Even now I can recall the mixed feeling of wonder and awe that came over me, though a mere boy, when father told me how he had often heard his grandfather (Major Phelps) say, 'that he had seen Washington, frequently, when retired from camp, praying for God's blessing on his country.'"

Major Phelps married, Sept. 23, 1784, Rowena Fuller. In 1804 he removed to Becket, Mass. and there resided until 1811 when he came with his family to Smithfield, Bradford county. "They traveled with two yoke of oxen and a common cart, arriving late in the fall of 1811. Soon after his daughter Mary died and was buried under the trees of the forest." The next year the Phelps family with others of the same faith began to look around for a church location. After viewing a number of hill tops (which then considered the most proper location for a church) an offer was made by Major Phelps of two acres for a Congregational church and burying ground, providing settlers would help build the church. They agreed to it and within a year, a neat little framed house was erected and paid for, but for 20 years it remained without regular seats. Around this house and lot grew up the present village of East Smithfield. Major Phelps was not only a steadfast member of the Congregational church but a prominent and honored personage in all the military gatherings held in Smithfield and adjoining towns in early days. His death occurred Aug. 13, 1827 and and that of his wife, May 14, 1842. Their children were John, Rowena, Jared, Ralph, Mary, Sarah, Augustus, Wealthy, William and Henry.

John came to Smithfield with his father; married Phebe Smith and about 1830 removed to Liberty, N. Y. Their children were Jared, Polly, Alma, J. Milton, Rachel, Sarah, Collins, Perly, Jane, Maria and Wealthy Ann. Several of the daughters were married and settled in Smithfield; other children located at Liberty, Tioga county.

Jared, who served in the army of occupation on the northern border of New York, upon returning to Becket and finding that his father had removed, shouldered his knapsack again and followed them on foot and alone to Smithfield. This way of traveling suited him so well that he kept up his pedestrian tramps back and forth till very late in life. He married Eliza Hackett and had children, Darius B., Asa H., Harmon A., Eliza, Rowena, Dudley G., Jared, Jacob E. and Mary. Mr.

Phelps died Aug. 27, 1869 in Smithfield. His son, Jacob E., served 3 years as a member Co. F, 6th Pa. Reserves, Civil War.

Rowena married at Becket, George Thomas and was the mother of 10 children; died Sept. 18, 1862.

Ralph (b Dec. 20, 1790, d Feby. 28, 1876) came to Smithfield with his father, selected a farm then returned East and earned money to pay for it; married Esther Rudd of Becket and came to Smithfield where he lived till the end of his life. They had four children: *Fanny L.* married Thomas B. Howland, died Dec. 16, 1898 in Smithfield; *Cyrus*, b Dec. 8, 1822, d June 16, 1843, unmarried; *Mary* married James Doty of Smithfield; *Charles Henry* entered the Union army as a member Co. K, 141st P. V. and served three years; actively engaged in the ministry 13 years; is unmarried and lives in retirement in Smithfield.

Mary, b Oct. 4, 1792, died Dec. 3, 1811 in Smithfield.

Sarah, b Feby. 19, 1795, d Jany. 7, 1802.

Augustus (b Nov. 19, 1796, d May 14, 1876) came to Smithfield with his parents; inherited the homestead; was a worthfnl and highly esteemed citizen, being a justice of the peace 25 years. He married Oct. 19, 1820, Abigail Hackett and had children who married as follows: *Lucelia* to Rev. C. C. Corss; *William H.* to Mary D. Bacon; *Abigail M.* to A. E. Child; *John W.* to Lizzie Child; *Clarissa O.* to Horace Niles; *Martha J.* to John Bird; *Susan* never married; *Laura* never married; *Augustus* twice married.

Wealthy (b Oct. 10, 1801, d 1884) married Gordon Wilcox of Smithfield and had three sons, Orion, Sevellon H. and Gordon Taylor, the last named being killed, battle of Chancellersville, Civil War.

William came to Smithfield with his parents and married, Jany. 1, 1832, Harriet E. Tuttle. They had 15 children; six sons, Marcus D., Albert O., Elmer, Birdsey T., Victor E. and Delaun, served in the Union army, all but the last two losing their lives.

Henry, b Aug. 7, 1806, married, May 27, 1837, Phebe Wheeler of Smithfield and had children: *Victoria* married Dorrance Tracy; *Diton* served with distinction in Co. F, 6th Pa. Reserves, Civil War, many years a justice of the peace, twice married; *Edith M.* married George Webb.

William Webber, soldier of the Revolutionary war, enlisted, 1775 in the company of Capt. Joseph Thompson in the regiment commanded by Col. John Nixon, served one year and was discharged at Morristown, N. J.; again enlisted under Captain Williams in Colonel Grayton's regiment and served nine months. As early as 1796 he was living on upper Sugar Creek and subsequently became one of the pio-

neers of Columbia where he evidently died. He was one of the original members of the Columbia Baptist church. In 1822 he was 64 years old and besides a son William of age, his family consisted of his wife, aged 54 years, three daughters under age and a son 13 years old.

William Pepper came to North Towanda in or before 1804, settling the Keene place. In 1820 he sold to Elisha Carpenter and afterwards removed to Franklin township where he died in January, 1858 at an advanced age. His wife was Amy, daughter of Eason Bagley who died a short time before her husband. Their children and marriages follow: *Eason* to Widow Andress; *Decatur* to Emily E. Landon; *Terry* to Betsy Brague; *William* to Sally Parks; *Stephen* to Deborah Loomis; *James* went West and died in Michigan; *Amos* settled in McKean county, Pa.; *Rachel* to Payne Shoemaker; *Nancy* to Jesse Wilcox; *Marinda* to Hosea Haxton.

Jedediah Atwood in March, 1778 enlisted in the company of Captain Coon, attached to Colonel Buell's regiment of New York troops and served until February, 1779 when he was discharged at Ticonderoga. In or before the year 1804 he came to Wysox and apparently spent his last years there. In 1825 he was 77 years old, wife dead, and he living with a son-in-law. John, Joseph and Lemuel Atwood were of this family.

Isaac Howe was one of the "Green Mountain" patriots who supplied the American army in the vicinity of Bennington and Ticonderoga with lead which he drew to camp in an ox-cart. He was born Dec. 16, 1743 and married Nov. 22, 1764 to Mary Cande. In February, 1808, he removed with his family from West Haven, Rutland county, Vermont to Orwell where he died Aug. 21, 1825 in his 82nd year. His wife, b June 10, 1744, died Oct. 14, 1812 in her 69th year. Both are buried in the East Orwell cemetery. Their children were *Uriah*, b Oct. 10, 1766, twice married and had children Sally (Mrs. John S. Beers), Pearly (Mrs. Uriah Brown), Lucy (Mrs. Daniel Robinson) and Earl (married Julia Ann Dennison), died in Orwell; *Philo*, b April 6, 1769, went West; *Mary*, b March 26, 1771.

John Hill, a native of Massachusetts and mechanic by occupation, removed to Owego with his family in 1794 and in 1812 settled in Orwell where he and his wife Rhoda both died at advanced ages in the 30's. Their children all of whom grew up were Samuel H., Hannah, Sullivan, Harvey, John H., Lucy, Parny, Chester and Chauncey (twins), Tryphena and Daniel.

Samuel H. died in Orwell, 1853, survived by his wife Eliza and children Sabrian, Samantha, Sarah and Samuel W.

John H. had a family, died 1864 in Orwell.

Daniel was a soldier, War of 1812.

Chester was a soldier, War of 1812; he married Dolly Fox (p 1) and had children, Eliza (Mrs. James Higgins), Cornelia (Mrs. David Nichols), George S., Chloe (Mrs. J. O. Frost), Lavina (Mrs. Edwin Allis), Chauncy, Almira (Mrs. Ebenezer Snell), Susan A. (Mrs. Harlow Buttles), Orrin and Emeline (Mrs. Nehemiah Neal); Mr. Hill died Feby. 23, 1879, aged 87 and his wife, May 19, 1891, aged 95 years and 8 mos., there being at her death, 88 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Benham—Jehial Benham, a Revolutionary soldier of New Hartford, Conn. married Lydia Cadwell and had children, Josiah, Amanda, Phebe, Jehial, Lydia, Deborah, Allen, Diantha, Trumbull and Sophronia. *Amanda* married a Mr. Moore of Conn.; *Phebe* married Abijah Moore of Conn.; *Jehial* married Laura Spencer of Conn.; *Lydia* married Simeon Johnson of Orwell, Pa.; *Deborah* married 1st a Mr. Goodwin, 2nd Gideon Henderson of Conn.; *Allen* married Miss Kellogg of New Hartford; *Diantha* married Norman Spencer of Conn.; *Sophronia* married Joel Johnson of Orwell, Pa.

Josiah Benham, eldest son of Jehial and Lydia (Cadwell) Benham, came from New Hartford, Conn., locating at LeRaysville in or before 1812. He purchased and improved a farm and also engaged in merchandising for a time. Mr. Benham married 1st Elizabeth Johnson and had children, Correll, Polly and Fanny; married 2nd Polly Kellogg of New Hartford and had children Charlotte, Caroline and James; children married as follows: *Correll* to Parmelia Dickerson, Windham; *Polly* to Mr. Thompson, LeRaysville; *Fanny* to David Becker, LeRaysville; *Charlotte* to Lyman Whittemore, Union, N. Y.; *Caroline* to Andrew Beardsley, LeRaysville; *James* to Eliza Smith, LeRaysville; Mr. Benham died Jany. 25, 1870, aged 90 years and 4½ months, and his wife, Polly, Dec. 25, 1858, aged 71.

Trumbull Benham, youngest brother of Josiah, who was a blacksmith by occupation, established the first shop in LeRaysville. He was born, Aug. 10, 1802 and married Sophronia Stone, born Feby. 17, 1803 of Burlington, Hartford county, Conn. They had three children of whom only Harriet N. (Mrs. G. W. Brink) a bright and interesting lady in her 84th year, is living.

Dr. Darius Bullock, the most noted man of pioneer days in Smithfield was born July 20, 1791 at Halifax, Vt. His father, Darius Bullock, was for many years a member of the Vermont legislature and

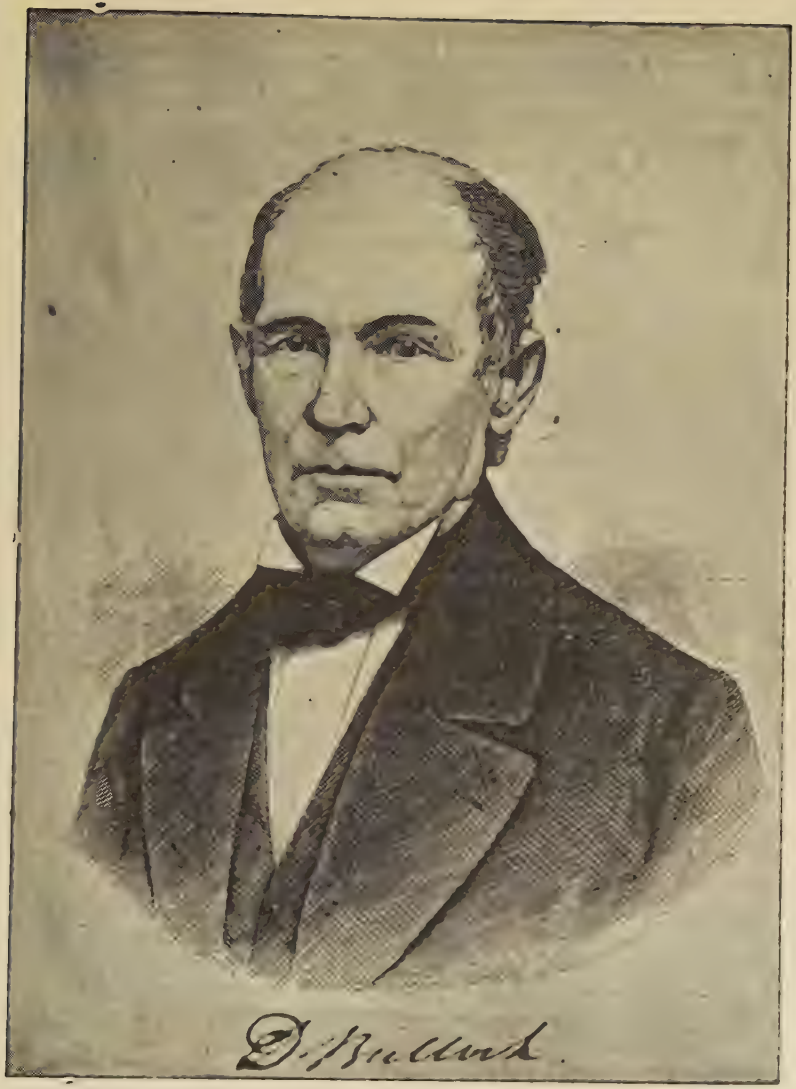
one of the most prominent men in Halifax, highly respected and honored by various public offices, covering a period of half a century.

Darius Bullock came to Smithfield as a practicing physician in October, 1812. He came all the way from Vermont on horseback and his whole estate on arriving in the new country, consisted of a horse, saddle-bag, a pill-bag, four or five dollars worth of medicine and $2 50 in cash. Not really his whole estate, indeed, it was an insignificant part of it, for he was then rich in the treasures of a well-balanced mind, a tenacious memory, a good moral character and untiring habits of industry and economy. At the time of Dr. Bullock's advent into Smithfield, a wilderness of huge beech, pine, maple and hemlock trees covered the hills and valleys, except here and there an open patch of ground with a log hut among the big stumps as residences of the pioneer settlers. As the inhabitants were few the profession of medicine was not a lucrative one; and to eke a scanty income he kept school for several seasons, visiting his patients before and after school hours—school then being kept 5½ days in the week. His field of practice extended from Columbia to Athens, a distance of 20 miles, and, indeed, ten or twelve miles in any direction from his home with an occasional call from greater distances. From the lack of roads it was often necessary to make his visits on foot. Frequently he was called to visit his patients in the darkness of night, and would go miles on foot through an almost pathless woods infested with bears and hungry, howling wolves; neither were the panther and catamount then unknown.

It is related of Dr. Bullock when he came to Smithfield one of the poormasters, a quaint character, noticing the doctor's scanty belongings and thinking he was liable to become a town charge ordered him to leave. The doctor, however, remained, was the architect of a fine fortune and lived to see the man, who was anxious to drive him from the town, laid in a pauper's grave.

During the first years of his residence in Smithfield he boarded with Mr. Mitchell and then with James Satterlee, till thinking it time to prepare a habitation of his own, he married Miss Polly Satterlee, purchased a parcel of ground at East Smithfield and erected a house, mostly with his own hands. In those days very little money was in circulation; business was done mostly by barter and doctor's bills were generally paid in that way.

The doctor was a man of great energy and enterprise. With a view of starting a town, he opened a store and hotel on the "turnpike." But the enterprise not meeting his expectations, he gave it up and returned to East Smithfield. He was never idle and withal was a diligent student. He decided to add the practice of law to that of medicine and engaged himself in reading Blackstone whenever opportunity afforded. Although practically his own teacher with few books by diligently improving his time he acquired a good knowledge of the law and May 12, 1819 was admitted to practice in the several courts of Bradford county. We now find the doctor with a severer task on his hands than ever before. He must attend to the sick on the hills and in the woods and be at the courts in Towanda - a distance of 12 miles by the nearest course. His horse was needed on his farm and besides it was not an easy matter in those times to pay for keeping a person and a horse at a hotel during the week of court. Accordingly, he often went on foot to Towanda and not infrequently during the week returned to Smithfield, visited his sick patients, going back to Towanda in the morning. Leather was not then made here and being brought from a distance was very expensive. Hence, men and women as well as children were often to be seen at their work barefooted; and frequently when going from home they carried their shoes in their hands to save so much of the wear of them, and put them on when they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arrived at the place to which they were going. Tradition says that the doctor was wont in this manner to save his shoes in traveling back and forth to attend the sessions of court. It is even said that sometimes he did not own shoes fit to wear in the courtroom and was thus compelled to borrow of some of his neighbors. In 1822 he was elected County Commissioner for a term of three years.

He was deputy attorney-general for the county during the years 1824, '25, '26, '27 and '28. He held the office of Prothonotary by appointment of Governor Wolf from 1830 to '31. In 1835 he was chosen State Representative. In 1857, Judge Wilmot having accepted the Republican nomination for Governor, resigned as president judge of the district, whereupon Governor Pollock, August 8th, appointed Darius Bullock to fill the vacancy, his commission to expire on the first Monday of December following.

For nearly half a century Dr. Bullock was a sort of *fac totum* in Smithfield. Mortgages, deeds, notes, wills and other legal instruments had to be either written by him or pass under his inspection. He possessed an uncommon versatility of genius. Very few men are competent to know so many things and do them so well as he did. His information was extensive on a great variety of subjects; and his knowledge of the history and other affairs of the county was scarcely equalled by that of any other man. He contributed many articles to the *Mental Luminary* and *Literary Leaves* and also wrote much for the county papers. The articles from his pen were always instructive and entertaining, frequently amusing. He would have been no mean poet had he given his attention in early life to the muse. He always took a deep interest in the literary societies of the place and all things that tended to advance his people mentally and morally. In the days of the old military trainings, he was one of the most active and was commissioned general. From this fact he was known as "General Bullock."

Doctor Bullock was a man of exalted character, who earned his way to fame and fortune by indomitable industry, frugality and honesty in his dealings with all men. He continued in the practice of medicine and law and also conducted a mercantile business, almost to the close of his life. His mind remained bright and active to the last.

His beloved wife, Polly, with whom he had lived in sweetest harmony for almost half a century; died April 29, 1863 in her 71st year. He survived her 14 years, his death occurring at East Smithfield, November 15, 1877. Darius and Polly Bullock had no children and there is no heritage to claim their good name, but their memory will be cherished and handed down the generations.

John Peter Gernert, a German, who had married Ann, daughter of Andrew Budd (I—120) evidently came with or soon after his father-in-law to Tioga Point. He lived in that neighborhood until the settlement of Columbia township when he moved there, being one of the first pioneers. After having established a home and become seemingly prosperous, he made a trip West which was the last ever known of him. His nine children became prosperous and useful men and women; they were Polly, Kate, William, Andrew, Barbara, Armenda, Casper, Sally and Solomon Clay.

William married Deborah, daughter of Nathaniel Clapp, Sr. of Athens, cleared several farms in Columbia township where he died,

1868, aged 84 years; his children were Esther Ann, William Henry, Nathaniel A., John P. and Stephen G.

Andrew married Harriet ——, died in Columbia, 1859.

Casper married Mary Ann ——, died in Columbia, 1866.

Solomon C. married Harriet —— and lived in Columbia.

John McClelland, a native of Ireland and patriot of the Revolution, came from Orange county, N. Y. to Columbia township with his family, 1807-'8. Here he engaged in clearing and improving a farm until his death, Nov. 16, 1821 at the age of 62. He had married in Orange county, Anna Maria Weller, their children being Hieronymus, Martha, John W., Frederick, Margaret, Andrew, Mary Ann, Peter, William G. and Eleanor Jane.

Hieronymus enlisted in the War of 1812 and was killed in battle; was unmarried and 31 years old.

Martha married James Harkness of Springfield.

John W. married Polly, daughter of Wm. Harkness of Springfield, died in Columbia, 1851; their children were John, James, Levi, Miles, Newton, Elsie Ann, Eliza and Ann Maria.

Frederick married Dorcas Carr, died in Canton, 1859; their children were Hieronymus, Edward, Polly (Mrs. Smith), Martha (Mrs. Webster), Sally, Reuben W., George and C. C. McClelland.

Margaret married James Morgan of Columbia.

Andrew married Eliza Sawyer, died, 1836 in Columbia, survived by his wife, sons and daughters.

Mary Ann married Samuel Frisby of Canton.

Peter married Barbara, daughter of John Peter Gernert, died in Columbia, 1873; their children were Casper G., Sally Jane (Mrs. Furman), Ann Eliza (Mrs. Berry), Margaret M. (Mrs. Freace) and Aminta B. (Mrs. Watkins).

William G. married Maria, daughter of Elnathan Goodrich and lived in Columbia.

Eleanor Jane married Ebin Pierce.

Oliver Besley, a French Huguenot, emigrated with his family from New York to Columbia township, settling near Austinville, 1812. He cleared and improved a farm where he died, 1844. He had married Rhoda Westbrook, their children being John W., Isaac, Elias, Susan (Mrs. Bateman Monro), Sophia (Mrs. James Fries), Althea (Mrs. Peter S. Furman), Mary Ann (Mrs. Wm. Strait) and Catherine (Mrs. Jacob Fries).

John W. married Hettie M., daughter of Obadiah Swayze, lived and died in Columbia; their children were Oliver B., John and Gabe C.

Isaac married Rebecca, daughter of David Watkins, lived and died in Columbia; their children were Oliver O., Philo W., George N., Clayton O., Polly (Mrs. Elnathan McClelland), Ada (Mrs. Albert Campbell) and Esther A. (Mrs. Wm. H. McClelland).

John Benson, a native of Vermont, in December, 1776 enlisted under Capt. Amasa Soper in the regiment of Colonel Marshall of the Massachusetts line and served until during the year 1780 when he was honorably discharged. He was a turner by occupation. In or before the year 1812 he emigrated with his family to Columbia township and there spent the remainder of his days, enjoying the benefits of a pension. He died in 1826, aged 67 years and is buried at Rutland, Tioga county. His wife was Sibyl Briggs and their children, Isaac, John, Eunice (Mrs. Hathaway), David, Sylvenus and Silvester. Isaac and John were soldiers in the War of 1812.

David R. Haswell came from Vermont to Columbia, settling in the northern part of the town, 1807-'8. He was one of the founders of the Columbia—Wells Baptist church and long a deacon and clerk.

Sheldon Gibbs, a basket maker, settled in Columbia, 1809. In 1815 he built the first distillery in the town on the Lilley place. He sold to John Humphrey, 1819 and removed to other parts.

Alphonsus C. Stewart came to Towanda, 1812 to practice law. He built a house on the corner of Lombard and Main streets, which he sold, 1816 to Charles F. Welles and removed to Illinois. He married the widow of John Miller of Athens. At Belleville in 1819 he was decoyed into a sham duel by one Timothy Bennett. Blank cartridges were to be fired, but Bennett secretly put a ball into his pistol and with it killed Stewart. The coward left the country, but was arrested after a couple of years, tried, convicted and hung for murder.

Ezekiel Griffis was one of the five sons of Abner Griffis, a patriot of the Revolution and early settler of Jessup, Susquehanna county. He came to Towanda in 1812 as a school teacher and taught several terms in the neighborhood. In 1814 he married Keturah, a young lady who never knew her name, brought up in the family of Wm. Means. He removed to Rummerfield Creek, Standing Stone, 1829, where he died, May 1, 1861, aged 78 years. His wife, Keturah, b March 22, 1794, died Sept. 1887. They had two children, William and Celinda E.

William, b February 10, 1815 in the "old Red tavern," considering his limited education of only six weeks in the public schools, was a very remarkable man. He says, "I learned to cipher and liked it,"

and sure enough he became an expert in knotty political problems and for many years was one of the greatest factors of the Republican party in Bradford county. He was the trusted friend of the Camerons, who never forgot his favors. Mr. Griffis filled the offices of county treasurer and sheriff and for many years held a position in Washington. He died in Towanda, February 26, 1908, aged 93. His wife, Elizabeth Stone, b Dec. 11, 1813, died Dec. 26, 1900.

Celinda E. married Elijah D. Montanye of Towanda.

George Pendleton, a native of Westerly, R. I. was a seaman and followed the business of fitting up sailing vessels. Not desiring his sons to engage in the same calling and being impressed with the opportunities in the new country, he purchased a tract of land in Warren township and removed thereto with his family from Norwich, Conn. in 1812. He did not long enjoy his new surroundings. During an epidemic of fever he was stricken and died early in 1814, aged 46 years. Mr. Pendleton had married, 1792, Deborah Babcock who reared a notable family of nine sons and daughters; they were Deborah, George, John, William, Betsy B., Nathan, Charles, Andrew and Eunice Ann.

Deborah married William Arnold (I—304) and was the mother of 14 children.

George, b 1795, married, 1824, Eliza Pitcher, died, 1879 in Warren; children and marriages follow: *G. Lafayette* to Phebe Russell; *Eliza C.* to Seth Cook; *F. Sabrinia* to Joseph Rutherford; *Daniel E.* to Hannah Lord; *M. Amelia* died at 23 unmarried; *M. Winslow* died at 23 unmarried; *E. Frazier* to Esther Chaffee; *Betsy E.* to Wm. H. Boyle.

John died of fever, 1814, aged 20 years.

William, b 1798, married, 1823, Caroline Pitcher, died, 1877; their children and marriages: *B. Lucretia* to Samuel B. Chaffee; *C. Harriet* to Stephen G. Chaffee; *M. Loretta* died at 16 years; *J. Monroe* to Nancy Abell; *C. Franklin* to Martha Bowen; *Abel M.* to Adaline E. Newman; *W. Loren* to Emma J. Pitcher; *Gurdon E.* to Frances A. Brown; *H. Wolcott* to Nettie Dimon.

Betsy B., b 1800, married, 1819, Seneca Allyn; their children and marriages: *Seneca L.*; *Jonathan W.*; *Charles H.*; *Jacob S.* to Sarah Abell; *Edwin E.* to Mary L. Lyons; *Samuel Nelson; Joanna C.* to Amaziah Abell; *Caroline E.*

Nathan, b 1802, married, 1829, Cynthia, daughter of Preserved Buffington, died, 1878; their children and marriages: *N. Newell* to Eliza Walson; *L. Jenks* to Sarah M. Hakes; *George L.* to Eliza J. Arnold; *Cynthia A.* died at 22 unmarried; *Benjamin B.* to Elpha L. Newman; *Sarah M.* to Thomas B. Allyn.

Charles, b 1804, married, 1831, Aurelia Buffington, died, 1887; their children and marriages: *J. Luther* to Anna L. Weed; *Alice C.*; *H. Harrison* to Charlotte Baldwin; *Catalena* to Rev. Sherman Chubbuck; *C. Edwin.*

Andrew, b 1807, married, 1834, Charlotte, daughter of Luther Buffington, died, 1861; their children and marriages: *Angeline M.* to L. Porter Root; *Mary E.* to Abel Arnold; *Evaline A.* to Nathaniel Wheaton; *Joseph A.* to Cora Frisbie; *Nathan W.* to Margaret Pendleton.

Eunice Ann, born 1810, married Edwin E. Allyn, died 1885; their children and marriages: *Harriet M.* to Geo. W. DePew; *B. Lucinda* to James M. DePew; *Eunice Ann* to Henry J. Bowen.

Dolton Family—John Dolton came to Wysox with his family in or before 1811, settling on the Little Wysox above the Schultz place, his location being known as "Dolton Hollow." In the family there were Henry, John Jr., Charles, Simon, Elizabeth, Anna, Harriet, Peggy and Jemima. Three of the sisters, Elizabeth, Harriet and Jemima married respectively John, Hiram and Moses, sons of Isaac Vargason; Peggy married Stephen Merithew. Henry Dolton was drowned during a freshet in the spring of 1833, while crossing the creek near his home. The family removed West in 1835.

Thomas B. and ***Richard Beebe***, tradesmen, came to Wysox in 1811. November 29, 1813, Thomas advertises in the *Bradford Gazette*: "For Sale—Saddles, harnesses, portmanteaus, bridles, lines, and shoes warranted; the above articles will be sold cheap and terms of payment made easy; the subscriber will warrant the articles to be of the first quality of leather and well made." One of the Beebes, manufactured chairs and large spinning wheels. His shop stood on the brink of the hill, south of the Myersburg church. Thomas was one of the original members of the Wysox Baptist church; he became a deacon and licentiate, and afterwards actively engaged in the ministery. He died, 1840, at South Livonia, N. Y. in his 58th year.

Benjamin Dresser, a distiller, came to Wysox in 1812. He married Mary, daughter of Jesse Allen and had children, Charles, William, Elizabeth and Mary (Mrs. Henry S. Allis). He had an improvement on the State Road which passed into the hands of Mr. Myer. Mrs. Dresser died on the place and he spent his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Allis.

John Brown, who had married Jane Miller, sister of Mrs. Samuel Cranmer and Daniel Miller (p 19), between 1795 and '98, left New Jersey with his wife and two sons, Aaron and Samuel to find their rel-

atives in the new country of the West. Mr. Brown was taken sick and died on the road, the widow coming on to Monroe with the children. She afterwards married Peter Edsall and had children, John, Mary (Mrs. Libeus Marcy) and Jane (Mrs. Jeremiah Blackman). Edsall having deserted her she moved into Albany with her sons.

Samuel, b Mch. 14, 1795, married Martha, daughter of Matthias Vanloon, died in Albany, 1870; their children were Thomas, Jane (Mrs. E. E. Estell), Ellen (Mrs. Fred Schrader), Aaron, John, Elizabeth (Mrs. J. H. Lewis), Lorinda (Mrs. Joseph Campbell), Lou (Mrs. S. S. Ormsby) and William.

Aaron settled in Sullivan county and died there.

Nathan Fellows, one of the original members of the Smithfield Congregational church, came with Samuel Kellogg and others to Smithfield in 1801. He remained here only a couple of years then removed to Sugar Creek, leaving the county before 1812.

Alvin Stocking located in Smithfield in or before 1803. He made the first improvements and built a house on the Fred Williams place. Here he died in the fall of 1817. For the want of proper facilities, a bier was constructed and the remains carried a distance of four miles and buried in Union cemetery at Smithfield Center. He left children, Alvin, Sally J., Lorry A. and John. In 1820 letters were granted to Alvin Stocking and Alvin Joslyn upon the estate. The family soon after moved away.

Constant Williams from Williamstown, Mass. located in Smithfield, 1804. He sold his improvements, 1817, to Jabez L. Gerould and removed West.

Noah Ford and ***Elias Needham*** came from Cooperstown, N. Y. to Smithfield, 1807. Ford and wife, Nabby, conveyed their improvements to Cyril Fairman, 1815, and Needham and wife, Betsey, theirs to William Wilkerson, 1816. Both families moved away about the same time.

David Titus from Becket, Mass. located in Smithfield about 1809. He was an active member and Clerk of the Smithfield Baptist church. His death occurred, 1812 at the age of 38 years. He left children, Ebenezer, Isaac, Lucy, Polly, Jesse, Joseph and Rowena. His wife, Miranda, afterward married a Mr. Randall.

Asa Hackett, a native of Colerain, Mass. removed to Smithfield with his family, 1811-'12. He was twice married, 1st to Eliza Hammond, 2nd to Keziah Thomas, both of Colerain. He was a gentleman of splendid character and long a deacon in both the Baptist and Disci-

ple church. He died, 1847, aged 75 and his wife, Keziah, May 5, 1843, aged 76 years and 19 days. Their children, all of whom married and died in Smithfield: *Peleg* to 1st Lucy ———, to 2nd Maria Pratt of Canton; *Elisha* to Polly Phelps; *Eliza* to Jared Phelps, Jr.; *Lucy* to Ezra Wood; *Abigail* to Augustus Phelps; *Sally* to 1st Nathan Wood, to 2nd Jonathan Wood.

Zephaniah Eames came from Becket, Mass. to Smithfield, 1807. He was an active member and deacon in the Congregational church. He and his wife, Diantha, conveyed their title to Hezekiah Peck, 1818 and removed from the town.

Abner W. Ormsby was another Smithfield settler who came from Becket, Mass. in 1807. He cleared and improved a farm upon which both he and his wife died at advanced ages. He was a noted hunter as was his son, Levi D. Ormsby, after him.

George Hadlock (Headlock) from Vermont joined the pioneer settlement in Litchfield, 1808. He improved and owned a large amount of land. He died, 1848, survived by his wife, Lydia, and children, Jonathan, Elias, Sally (Mrs. Merithew), Cynthia (Mrs. Washburn), Charlotte (Mrs. Drake), Elizabeth (Mrs. Washburn), Lucy, John, Charles and Russell.

Levi Preston, a native of Vermont, who served five years in the Revolutionary war, settled in Troy township, 1812. He was born July 7, 1760 and died Jany. 1, 1849, his remains resting in the Hunt cemetery. He married Martha ——— in Vermont and had children, Colburn, Eben, Levi and Sylvelus. Colburn, who married Sallie Webber, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Jesse Morse, a native of Connecticut, born Jany. 8, 1770, emigrated to Towanda Creek, settling in LeRoy township, 1805. Here he engaged in farming until the time of his death, Sept. 8, 1847. His wife, Perris Stone, b Feby. 16, 1772, died June 29, 1848. She was a sister of Benjamin Stone, Sr. (I—327) and their brother Reuben was the father of Josiah F., Sepha, Henry B. and Mahala Stone. Susanna Stone of Sturbridge, Mass. died, 1815 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Morse in LeRoy, aged 86 years. The children of Jesse and Perris Morse, who married as follows, were *Perley* to Lucy Holcomb; *Sallie* to Alpha Stone; *Sibyl* to Philo Wooster; *Ziba* to 1st Ruth A. Beardslee, 1827, to 2nd Mary Minard, March 11, 1839; *Julian* to Philo Wooster, being 2nd wife; *Susan* to David Morse; *Sullivan* to Phebe Bailey.

Eason Bagley came to Burlington in or before 1812 where he re-

mained a few years then removed to East Canton. Here he died and afterwards his wife Esther in 1862. Of their children: *Amy* married William Pepper; *James* married Joanna Strickland (I—151) and had a son Warren and a daughter Maryetta (Mrs. Vroman); *William* was evidently another son.

John Chandler came to the Athens district before 1812. He located finally at North Ghent in Sheshequin where he died. His children were Andrew, Charles, John, Nathaniel, Robert, Stephen V., Polly (Mrs. John Moore), Betsy (Mrs. Ira Tompkins) and Mrs. George Hicks.

Isaac I. Low, a blacksmith and nailer by trade, came to Sheshequin about 1812 and pursued the former occupation. In 1836 he removed to Athens village where he died. He married Catharine, daughter of John C. Forbes and had children, Martha (Mrs. Spencer Elson), Polly, John Christian Forbes, Isaac, Luther, Sarah (Mrs. James Wilson) and Olive (Mrs. Henry Hewett). John C. F. known as "Forbes Low" was a noted huntsman and waterman.

Nathan Payson, a native of Windham county, Conn. came to Orwell, 1809, selected a piece of woodland and at once commenced clearing same. In the fall he returned to Connecticut and Feby. 1, 1810 married Miss Betsey Sharp of Pomfret. The following spring they commenced their life-struggles together in their new home in the wilderness. Their part in the community was performed faithfully and well and their closing days spent in peace and plenty. Mr. Payson, b Dec. 20, 1780, died July 22, 1868; his wife, b Sept. 22, 1784, died May 5, 1873. Their children and marriages follow:

Lucy Ann, b Nov. 3, 1810, married Eliphalet Warfield and moved to Michigan.

Alice Lucetta, b Nov. 3, 1812, married Horace Lounsbury of Nichols, N. Y., died April 19, 1876.

Sabra Emeline, b June 30, 1814, married Horace Lounsbury of Nichols, N. Y.

John Wilkes, b April 19, 1816, married 1st Perintha Bronson, 2nd Elizabeth Alger, had 5 children; died July 20, 1882.

Loana Frances, b Dec. 25, 1818, died Aug. 27, 1853.

Asa Bishop, b April 13, 1821, married Fanny Beardslee of LeRaysville, had 5 children.

William Pitt, b April 7, 1825, married Achsah Webster of Windham, had 13 children, occupied the homestead.

Nathan Bostwick, a patriot of the Revolution, enlisted Dec. 20, 1775 in Captain Brown's company in the regiment commanded by Col.

John Durkee and served in same until Dec. 31, 1776; January 1, 1777 was commissioned an ensign in Capt. Eleazer Warner's company in the regiment commanded by Col. Herman Swift of the Connecticut line and served until Nov. 15, 1777 when he was discharged at White Marsh, Pa. on account of the state of his health. Mr. Bostwick early joined the Pike settlement, locating on the farm afterwards owned by David Becker. Here he died in the autumn of 1829, aged 82 years. He enjóyed the benefits of a pension in his last years. He had a considerable family who moved away soon after his death. One of his sons was John Bostwick.

Frederick Kissell, a stone cutter by trade, went with Daniel Heverly from Monroe to Overton, 1810. He selected a piece of land, erected a cabin and after clearing about five acres enlisted in the War of 1812 and served until its close. After his return he married Miss "Lockey" Clark and had a son John, born 1818. Kissell died in the spring of 1823 and was buried on a little ridge near his house, his being the first grave of the pioneer cemetery in Overton.

The Gambles settling in Bradford county were natives of County Monaghan, Ireland and descendants of the celebrated Ralph Gamel. James Anderson (p 48), who came early to the Susquehanna valley, in 1799 returned to Ireland for his parents and on coming back to America, 1801, persuaded John Gamble, Jr. to come over with him. They settled in Wilmot, 1802. Gamble being pleased with the new country wrote to his friends in Ireland. In 1811 his father, mother and other members of the family, sailed from Belfast and landed at Amboy on April 15th. They came on to Bradford county and settled permanently. The Gambles were a people of splendid character, worthful and prominent in the Anti-Slavery movement in Bradford county.

John Gamble, born 1748 in Ireland, married, 1773, Elizabeth Kennedy, came to America, 1811, settling in Wilmot township where he engaged in clearing and improving land until his death, Sept. 15, 1830. His wife, b 1751, died May 1, 1822; both rest in the Laceyville cemetery. Their children were Nancy, John, James, William, Joseph and George.

Nancy, b 1775, married John Morrow, Sr., died April, 1860 in Wilmot.

John, b Sept. 12, 1777, came to America, 1801. February 8, 1815 he was admitted and sworn a citizen, being the first person naturalized in the courts of Bradford county. He married Lucina Whitney of Whitney's Flats and settled in Missouri. While East on a visit, he died, Jany. 3, 1828 at the home of his brother Joseph in Wilmot. He

left children, Elizabeth (Mrs. Magee), Joseph, Justus, John K. and Archibald M.

James, b Nov. 2, 1781, married Isabel Nesbit, engaged in farming in Wilmot where he died October 10, 1865; children and marriages follow: *Margaret* to Robert Morrow, Wilmot; *John* died unmarried; *William* to Irene Beeman, Laceyville; *Nesbit* to Mary Mitten, Herrick; *Betsey* died unmarried; *Jane* to David Currier; *Joseph* to Mandana Currier; *Abigail* died unmarried; *Deborah* and *George* died unmarried; *James* went to Michigan and never after heard from.

William, b 1789, married Rocelana, daughter of Joseph Elliott (I—123), lived at Balibay some years then removed from the county.

Joseph, b Sept. 8, 1791, married, 1819, Sarah Spalding of Cavendish, Vt., engaged in farming in Wilmot, died Aug. 13, 1885, aged 94; his wife, b Mch 27, 1798, died July 10, 1859. Their children and marriages follow: *John M.* to Harriet Vaughan of Vaughan Hill; *Elizabeth A.* to James C. Vaughan, Vaughan Hill; *Emily* to Wm. Boyd, Sugar Run; *Fanny W.* died at 3 years; *Joseph D.* to Fannie L. Welles of Elk Horn Grove, Ill.; *Hamilton R.* b June 9, 1832 died in Cal.; *Amanda E.* to Alexander Boyd, Philadelphia; *Lucy L.* to Orlando Picket, Rush, Pa.

George, b 1795, married Anna Keeney of Laceyville, Pa.

Oliver Sisson, the first permanent settler on Tuscarora creek in Tuscarora township, came thereto about 1805, locating on the farm known as the Cogswell homestead. Here he died in 1809 and in his will left all property to his wife.

Joseph Black, a native of Colchester, Conn., born June 24, 1762, on January 30th, 1793 was united in marriage with Miss Alice, daughter of Lieut. James Wells (I—102) who was slain at the battle of Wyoming. In 1804 Mr. Black purchased of John and Daniel Porter of New Jersey 600 acres of land on Wyalusing Creek at 6¼ cents per acre. His purchase included the Gordon grist-mill. In 1807 he moved from Exter, Luzerne county to his purchase and for many years was busily engaged in operating the grist-mill, a saw-mill and clearing and improving land. His grist-mill was widely patronized, the settlers coming from Montrose and equally long distances in other directions. Mr. Black died on his farm, Nov. 20, 1834; his wife, born Nov. 21, 1772, died July 8, 1842; both rest in the Merryall cemetery; their children and marriages follow:

Hannah, b Nov. 6, 1793, married Nathan Scovell of Wyalusing.

James, b Feby. 6, 1795, married Mahala Carpenter, formerly of Vermont.

John Henry, b Dec. 28, 1796, married Hannah Ackley of Wyalusing.

Elizabeth, b Oct. 19, 1798, married Bissell Chubbuck of Orwell.

Alica, b Dec. 4, 1800, married Jonathan Marsh of Wyalusing.

Samuel, b July 31, 1802, married a daughter of Humphrey Goff of Monroe.

Nancy, b June 29, 1804, married Ferris Bennett of Pike.

Olive, b March 18, 1806, married Jonathan Demmon Benson of Hector, N. Y.

Davis Dimock, b March 22, 1808, married 1st Betsey Samantha Hines, 2nd Lois Marsh of Pike.

Joseph, Jr., b Feby. 18, 1810, never married.

Mary, b Nov. 1, 1811, married Davis Dimock Gray of Tuscarora.

Harrison, b March 25, 1813, died in childhood.

Irene, b March 28, 1816, married Jesse Benedict Sturdevant of Tuscarora.

John Miller, who had married Lydia, daughter of Samuel Gilbert (I—234), evidently came soon after his father-in-law to Asylum where he purchased of the Asylum Land Company and engaged in farming until his death, 1830. His children by his wife Lydia Gilbert were Orris, Nancy, Gilbert, Diodate, Lydia, Daniel, Samuel and Hiram. He married for his second wife, Joanna ——— and had children, Alice and Eliza.

Orris married George Bowman of Towanda township; died Dec. 8, 1876, aged 86 yrs. and 5 ms.

Nancy married July 16, 1816 Maj. John Horton, Jr. of Terrytown, being his 1st wife.

Lydia married Dec. 26, 1822 Benjamin Ingham of Sugar Run.

Diodate married April 26, 1826 Mahala Smith.

Samuel married Nov. 21, 1833 Julia, daughter of Ebenezer Horton (I—221).

Stephen Charlot of Trenton, N. J. previous to 1807 came to Wyalusing and purchased the improvement of Simeon Marsh on Vaughan Hill. He cleared a considerable part of the farm which in 1814 he exchanged with Elias Vaughan for property at Rummerfield. He sold in 1817 to Nathaniel Richardson and removed West. The late Rev. Calvin Gable Charlot of Newton, Illinois, a son, was born on Vaughan Hill, 1807.

John Wood, a native of Elizabethtown, N. J., born July 3, 1753, in July, 1776 enlisted in Colonel Spencer's regiment of the New Jersey state troops and served 9 months. He subsequently served various

other short enlistments in the struggle for Independence. He took part in the engagements of Four Mile Farm, Elizabethtown and Springfield. In or before 1812 he removed from New Jersey to Frenchtown, Bradford county, then lived for a time at Browntown, returned to Asylum and lived with his son, John about ten years. In 1842 he removed to Standing Stone where he died with his son in January, 1844. He was given a pension under the Act of 1832. His remains repose in the Standing Stone cemetery. The children of John Wood were John, Jeremiah, Charlotte, Polly and a daughter who married a Mr. Bouse; *John* married Margaret Middaugh, *Charlotte* a Mr. Thompson and *Polly* a Mr. Parmeter.

Eastabrook (Easterbrooks)—"The pioneer Eastabrooks in this country were Puritans and came over from England in 1660. The family must have been of some consequence for the two, Joseph and Thomas, who came over at that time, had received a preparatory education for college. Thomas Easterbrooks was one of those who freely signed the agreement made between Mr. Willett and the church in Swansey, Feby. 12, 1669 on admission as an inhabitant. He died April 11, 1713 at Warren, R. I. aged 84 years." John, son of Thomas had a son William who married Patience ——— and had children, John, Aaron, Patience, William, Levi, Moses, Peleg, Mary, Elizabeth and Ann.

Peleg Easterbrooks, son of William and Patience, was born about 1750 at Pomfret, Conn. He was a ship carpenter by occupation and married March 6, 1770 Rebecca Saulsbury of Pomfret. Members of his family having settled in Orwell, 1812, he and his wife soon after joined them. Here the former died in the fall of 1828 and his wife in February, 1838. Their children were Reuben, Abigail, Levi, Jesse, William S., Sarah, Marcus, Patience (died young) and Diana.

Levi, born July 17, 1778, was a miller by occupation; he had two daughters, one of whom died July 14, 1879 in Orwell, aged 72 years.

Jesse, born Jany. 22, 1787 at Warren, R. I., married, March 31, 1812, Lovina Ferry of Springfield, Mass. He removed to Bradford county, 1812; died Dec. 9, 1871 at Stevensville; his wife died Nov. 16, 1873. Their children and marriages follow: *Marcus; Reuben B.* to Sarah J. Chaffee; *Edward Jesse* to Emeline Potter; *Rebecca Saulsbury* to Wm. Carl; *Mary N.* to Wm. Maynard; *Eliza A.* to Avery Picket.

William S. married Wealthy Shurtliff of Woodstock, Conn. and emigrated to Orwell, 1812. He afterwards removed to Wysox where he died Sept. 27, 1825 in his 37th year; his wife died 30 years later in Towanda. Their children, who married as follows, were *Judson* to

Lydia Eliza Robinson, being the parents of Charles J., Elvira (Mrs. Leonard Ross), Mary (Mrs. J. M. Davis), Alice (Mrs. Sands Dunham), Emma and Edwin; *Andrew Jackson* to Mary Pratt; *William W.* to Ann Gorham and had children, Wilford, Mrs. Amelia Elsbury and Avery; *Sylvanus* to Lucy J. Newbery and had a son William N.; *Nancy Maria* to William F. Corbin; *Charlotte* to Sweet Gardner.

Sarah, b July 8, 1773, died unmarried.

Marcus, b Jany. 27, 1793, came to Orwell about 1820; married, July 27, 1827, Althea Gray of Susquehanna county; died April 2, 1874. His wife, born July 30, 1800, died July 7, 1877. Their children were Nancy (Mrs. Chauncey Tingley), Hannah and Lucy.

Diana married Eleazer Allis, Jr. (I—340).

Abel, John and ***Stephen Easterbrooks***, cousins of William S., came with him to Orwell, 1812. They afterwards emigrated to Illinois.

Barnard Easterbrooks, brother of Abel, John and Stephen, came to Orwell about 1825. He was born Dec. 6, 1769 at Woodstock, Conn. and died 1837 or '38 at South Hill. He married Nov. 25, 1798 Cynthia Green who died April 11, 1848. They had a son, John G., who married Cynthia E., daughter of Nehemiah Northrup of Athens.

Dr. Benoni Mandeville, a native of Granby, Mass., came to Orwell in or before 1812 where he practiced his profession and preached for a time. In 1822 he located at Monroeton where he practiced thirty years then removed to Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was the father of Mrs. S. W. Alden and Rev. Sumner Mandeville.

Augustus Loomis came from the Genesee Valley, N. Y. to Canton township in or before 1804, locating at Grover. Here he engaged in clearing land and farming until his death, 1841. His wife was Liberty Gillett. Their son John succeeded to the homestead. Other children evidently were Marcus, Seth, Minerva (Mrs. Ezra Wright Rutty) and Rosina (Mrs. Calvin S. Sellard).

John maried Adeline Haxton, died, 1866 in Granville in his 65th year. Their children were Lydia (Mrs. Warren Bagley), Hannah (Mrs. Milo Webster), Seth, Noah, Sherman, John and Angeline (Mrs. Alpha Stone).

David Lindley, a native of Vermont who had married Annis Brown, settled near East Canton, 1812. He cleared and improved the farm afterwards occupied by his sons Joseph and Solomon. "He opened the road from Canton to Ralston and drove the first wagon over it." His death occurred May 16, 1833 in his 60th year. The

children of David and Annis Lindley were Cynthia (Mrs. Horace Stone), Joseph, Solomon, Hiram, John P. and Celinda (Mrs. Simeon Powers).

Joseph married Lovina B., daughter of Thomas and Betsy (Wright) Manley and occupied part of the homestead. Their children were Charlotte (Mrs. James Ingham), Sheldon H., Hiram, Helen (Mrs. Chas. Spalding), Lorena (Mrs. Chester Thomas, Jr.), Ann (Mrs. Burton Montgomery), Marion (Mrs. D. J. Manley), Eliza (Mrs. Addison Wilson) and Isadore (Mrs. Theron Sweet).

Solomon married Lavina, daughter of Jonas and Abigail (Knapp) Weed of Danby, N. Y. and also occupied a part of the homestead. They had five children of whom, the youngest, Denton G. was a distinguished soldier in the Civil War.

Lilley – "Lilleys are said to be of Norman descent and sprung from Sir Robert and John DeLille, who came over from Normandy to England in the army of William the Conqueror in 1066." Their descendants spread throughout England, Scotland and Ireland, thence westward throughout the United States.

John Lilley was born June 4, 1781 in Ireland of English parentage. His parents having died when he was a child he was cared for by an uncle. He learned the trade of weaver. At the age of 14 he was pressed into the British service and aided in suppressing the Irish rebellion. From Ireland he was transferred to Canada where he served some time. Tiring of serving the king, he with four others sought Independence by leaving the British flag and escaping across the line into New York thence going to Vermont, where he worked among the farmers and boated on Otter Creek. In 1806 he married Nancy, daughter of Ebenezer and Polly (Pattee) Smith; and in the winter of 1811–'12 with his wife and three children together with his household goods and the pork from a 400-pound hog, he started from his home in Middlebury, Vt. with horses and sleigh. In three weeks he reached his journey's end at what is Oak Hill near Long's Mills. Here he remained until 1815 when he purchased a piece of land in Columbia and settled thereon. He became a good farmer, took great interest in the militia trainings and was a faithful member of the Disciple church. His death occurred Oct. 26, 1842; his wife b March 20, 1791, died Dec. 1, 1841. Their children were John, Polly, Robert, Dummer, Ebenezer, George Andrew, Harriet Sophia, Nancy Jane, Sally Ann and Thomas McDonough.

John, b July 9, 1807, d Feby. 24, 1885; followed teaching and farming; married 1st Lucinda Jackson and had children, Helen M.

(Mrs. Ward Warren), Robert B. and Eben W.; married 2nd Lemira McKean and had children, Daniel M., James T., John M. C. and Eliza A. (Mrs. Geo. Williams).

Polly, b Feby. 6, 1808, died Jany. 18, 1890; school teacher many years; married James Bothwell of Alba; no children.

Robert, b Aug. 28, 1811, d Dec. 16, 1886; engaged in farming near Alba; married Lucy Powers; their children and marriages follow: Albert T. to Samantha M. Fellows; Eben F. to Elizabeth Laughhead; Lydia A. to John P. Bates; Cordelia A. to Archibald McNaught; Fidelia A. to Jehial Gould; Charles F. to Hattie Dann.

Dummer, b Aug. 31, 1813, d Feby. 18, 1882; engaged in the printing business a number of years in Towanda and Troy; was appointed Register & Recorder, 1838; elected County Commissioner, 1856 and Representative, 1862-'63; married 1st Lydia S. Parsons and had children, Amelia Sophia (Mrs. W. J. Young) and Harriet Brunette (Mrs. Daniel F. Pomeroy); married 2nd Lucy M. Thomas, children being Alice M. and Leafy Florence; married 3rd Nancy Smith and had children, Dummer Smith, Laura La Franc, Nancy Ella (Mrs. Richmond A. Sweet); married 4th Frances M. Smith.

Ebenezer, b Jany. 8, 1816, d Oct. 6, 1890; followed farming in LeRoy; was elected county treasurer, 1881; married Emeline Slade and had children, Nancy G. (Mrs. Wm. G. Andress), John E., Ruby M. (Mrs. Judson W. Stone), Mial E. and Charles S.; married 2nd Elizabeth Fawcett.

George A., b March 12, 1818, d 1887 in Williamsport, Pa.; was a carpenter by occupation; married Katharine Green and had children, Frances (Mrs. Chas. Metz), Ellen S. (Mrs. John W. Hall), George W., Emma L. (Mrs. Nathan G. Moulder), Francis B., Hattie S., Thomas M., Mary A. and Clarence L.

Harriet S., b June 23, 1821, d Oct. 9, 1854; was a teacher many years; married Chester A. Pierce of Wysox and was mother of 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Nancy J., b Jany. 22, 1824, d Jany. 18, 1872; was a teacher and poetess; married William A. Thomas and was the mother of 1 son and 2 daughters.

Sally A., b Nov. 3, 1826, d March 20, 1904; was a teacher; married Shepard S. Pierce of Wysox and had two sons and a daughter.

Thomas M., b Feby. 12, 1829, d March 20, 1876 in California where he went during the gold excitement, 1848-'49; married there Ann O'Mullen and had a son George Andrew.

Moses Taylor, a native of Vermont, emigrated to Bradford county, 1805, first stopping at Athens where he worked a rented farm three years then removed to Columbia flats. Here he purchased and made improvements until 1813 when he sold to Reuben Nash and took up his final residence in Troy township where he died, 1824. Soon after locating in Columbia he erected a log school house, the first in the township. Mr. Taylor was a very kind man as the following will illustrate: He owned the only grindstone in the locality which his neighbors would frequently ask the use of to sharpen their axes; his reply was "Yes, you are welcome to the stone provided you let me turn for you." By his wife Martha he had ten children. Two of his sons were Charles and Allen. In his will Solomon Morse, David Palmer, James Wilson, Moses Wheeler, John B. Murphy, Polly Morse and Zadock Evenst, evidently relatives, are remembered.

Charles Taylor came from Vermont with his father Moses Taylor and located permanently in Columbia. He was a prominent and worthful citizen and many years a justice of the peace, earning a wide reputation as "the 'Squire who married couples successfully." He died Dec. 3, 1839, survived by his wife Mirinda and children, Seba C., Charles, Howard, Nathaniel, Juliet (Mrs. Wm. G. Bradford), Lucy Jane, Alanson and Horace.

Allen Taylor, b May 23, 1792 in Vermont, came with his father Moses Taylor to Bradford county, 1805. In 1816 he married Olive H., daughter of Joel and Lydia Stevens (p 132) and settled upon and improved a large farm in Troy township where both died at ripe old age, highly esteemed for their useful, Christian lives. They were the parents of 13 children, 10 of whom grew to maturity. Mr. Taylor at his death, Aug. 17, 1878, was survived by his wife and children, Joel S., James W., Zera B., Lydia (Mrs. Wm. Owen), Lucy M. (Mrs. Thos. S. Manley), Juliett (Mrs. John H. Hazelton), Cynthia M. (Mrs. Thos. Done) and Adah (Mrs. Hanford McDougal).

Jesse Moore, the first permanent settler of South Creek township, came thereto, 1804, from Orange county, N. Y., cutting his own road through from Southport. He settled about one-half mile below Gillett and made the first improvement in a wilderness of heavy timber. Soon after locating he erected a log grist-mill with one run of stone on the west branch of South Creek, being the first mill in the township. He continued his battle against privations and hardships and cleared a considerable farm where he died in 1844. His wife died July 31, 1855, aged nearly 80 years. Their children were Jesse, David R., Gabriel B., Clarissa, Minerva and Sarah Ann.

Jesse succeeded to the homestead and died thereon, March 6, 1872, past 70 years, survived by his wife Abigail M., son William Harrison and daughters, the eldest of whom was Ida (Mrs. Charles Smith).

Philo Fassett, born March 3, 1787 in Vermont whose father, Philo Fassett, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, emigrated to Troy township, 1808, settling on a farm which he afterward sold to Reuben Wilber. In 1830 he purchased the Andrus possession in South Creek, a half-mile south of Fassett station. Having moved thereto, he enlarged his house and in 1832 opened it as a hotel. This he conducted many years in conjunction with the manufacture of lumber and the improvement of a large farm. He amassed a handsome fortune. Mr. Fassett married Marion Wheeler (b Sept. 25, 1791); he died in 1868. They reared a notable family of children: Newton P., John Q. A., Lewis H., Samuel M., Truman, Philo, Isaac W., Lydia (Mrs. Rufus Rockwell), Mariam (Mrs. Daniel Dobbins) and Mary A. (Mrs. Herman N. Comstock).

Griswold Owen, a native of Connecticut, came from Unadilla, N. Y. to Chemung where he married Annis, daughter of Roswell Goff. In 1809 he moved to Ridgebery and was prominent in the affairs of the new settlement. Here he died in 1842, survived by his wife and children, Julietta (Mrs. Josiah B. Wilkinson), Hector, Armitta F. (Mrs. Chas. French), John and Ency (Mrs. Knower Wounley).

James Dewey from the Green Mountains in Vermont came to Bradford county before 1812, first stopping in Smithfield but soon going to Ridgebery, locating on Bentley Creek where he built one of the first mills in that section of country. Here he died in 1829, survived by his wife Patience and children, James, Nathan, Ebenezer, Hiram, Polly and Sally.

James married Mahetable Van Camp and located on Doty Hill where he cleared a large farm. He died Aug. 14, 1872, aged 70 years. His children were Keturah, Levi, Harvey, John, Andrew J. and Eliza A. (Mrs. Callen).

Chubbuck—Of the pioneer families of Bradford county, the Chubbucks are descendant from Thomas Chubbuck who settled at Hingham, Mass. in 1634. He was a man of thrift; died 1676. His son John was a selectman of Hingham and a lieutenant in the expedition against Canada. He married Martha Beal. Nathaniel, son of John and Martha, settled in Wareham, Mass. Their son Ebenezer (b 1725, d 1810) was a soldier in the French and Indian war and a lieutenant in the American army in the war for Independence. He married 1st a

Miss Burgess and had sons Ebenezer and Nathaniel and four daughters (one, Polly married Dan Russell, (I—268); married 2nd Tabitha Fowler).

Ebenezer Chubbuck, the elder son of Ebenezer, with his father served in the Revolutionary war. In 1818 he removed from Connecticut to Orwell where some of the family were already settled. He occupied and improved the farm known as the Cleveland place. He married Lucina Craw, whose children married as follows: *Amy* to Robert McKee; *Fanny* to Asa McKee; *Bissell* to Elizabeth Black of Wyalusing; *Mary* to James Cleveland; *Sarah* to Peter Sturdevant; *Lucina* to Rufus D. Cleveland; *Eben* to Cynthia Frost. The patriot father was given a pension in his closing years. He died July 26, 1840, aged 78 yrs and 22 ds and his remainss repose in the Orwell cemetery.

Nathaniel Chubbuck, son of Ebenezer, b Oct. 16, 1764, settled near Norwich, Conn., where he married Nov. 27, 1788, Chloe Eaton (b Mch 4, 1768, d Oct. 11, 1832). He resided in Connecticut until 1818 when he removed to Orwell township where his sons, Nathaniel, Aaron and Jacob, had preceded him. He purchased a large tract of land which he occupied until his death, March 13, 1825. The children of Nathaniel and Chloe Chubbuck were Nathaniel, Aaron, Hannah, John, Jacob, Sheldon (died at 5 yrs), James, Chloe, Daniel O., Hollis S., Austin E., Francis S.

Nathaniel, Jr., b Sept. 5, 1789, married Jany. 28, 1812 Hannah Lovett of Norwich, Conn., died Aug. 1, 1865. He came to Orwell township in the summer of 1811, took up land and built a log cabin, then returned East. Upon coming to his new home with his wife, spring of 1812, he found the roof of his cabin crushed in by the weight of snow. Repairs were soon made by the assistance of kind neighbors and with a chest for a table and shingle-blocks for chairs they began life in the wilderness. After a few years he built a tannery and thereafter combined farming, tanning and shoemaking. During the year 1813 he invited Rev. Marmaduke Pearce, then on the circuit, to preach at his house. This was the first Methodist preaching in Orwell and Mr. Chubbuck the first convert. In 1823 he was licensed to exhort and so continued until the day of his death, being widely known as a forceful expounder of the Scriptures. Of his eight children four grew to manhood: *Nathaniel J.*, b 1812, married Ann Cooley, lived at Monroeton, died 1890; *Horatio John*, b Mch. 8, 1819, married Almira Chaffee and lived in Warren township; *Lyman Sheldon*, b Feby. 20, 1822, married Phœbe Gleason, died Oct. 28, 1907; was long a teacher, farmer and useful public servant; children, Mary Ellen (Mrs. O. D. Stiles),

Melville Eaton, Clara Edith (Mrs. Chas. W. Stevens) and Ephton Eugene; *Hollis Lorenzo*, b Aug. 23, 1828, filled an important government position during the Civil War, witnessed the assassination of President Lincoln and came near capturing Booth, living in Oklahoma where for more than 30 years he was an officer of the law among the Cherokee and Osage Indians and was also long an assistant commissioner of agriculture.

Jacob, b Mch 5, 1797, came to Orwell with his brother Aaron; went back to Connecticut and married, Oct. 7, 1819, Minerva Tupper and returned with her at once to Orwell where he cleared and improved a farm; died, 1873; children and marriages follow: *Harriet M.* to George Crowfoot; *Otis J.*, b May 7, 1825, a successful teacher, county superintendent, 1863-'69, Register and Recorder, 1873-'76, married 1st Eunice Hicks, 2nd Ann E. Keeney, died Jany. 25, 1893 in Towanda; *Chloe E.* to P. W. Champion of Lanark, Ill.; *Rev. Sherman A.*, b Aug. 9, 1830, to Catalena Pendleton, many years a member of the M. E. Conference of Central N. Y., died in Orwell; *Ellen M.* to Leonard O. Brown; *Tracy J.* to Mary Tripp; *Julia A.* died at 12 years.

Hannah, b Feby. 16, 1793, married Joseph Hamilton of Windham, died Aug. 7, 1865; had two sons and a daughter.

John, b Feby. 23, 1795, was a prominent physician at Nichols and Binghamton, dying at the latter place, March 18, 1878. He was a surgeon of the 1st regiment of Engineers, Corps d' Afrique, in service at Brazos and Santiago, Texas, 1863-'64.

Aaron, b Aug. 4, 1791, married Jany. 3, 1814, Miss Matilda Dimmick, d Aug. 19, 1881.

He received an excellent common school education and successfully engaged in teaching. Within a week after his marriage he started for Pennsylvania with his wife and effects, loaded on an ox sled, drawn by a pair of oxen and a horse. After a journey of two weeks he reached the Orwell valley on Wysox Creek where he commenced life in earnest by clearing away the forests with his own hands and undergoing all the hardships of the times. "But by industry and frugality he obtained a competence, and lived to see the country divested of its forests and to blossom as the rose, his neighbors and citizens wealthy and happy, the red schoolhouse located on every crossroad and the church spires within his view ascending heavenward whence 'good tidings of great joy' were proclaimed."

In 1819 Mr. Chubbuck was appointed justice of the peace for Orwell and Pike, performing his duties so faithfully and well that he was continued in that office by re-appointments for 21 years. He was elected county auditor in 1834 and served 3 years. In 1842 he was chosen prothonotary and clerk of the several courts, serving a term of three years. He was elected an Associate Judge in 1856 but after a year resigned his office. During his term, however, he displayed his uniform ability and integrity, serving to the satisfaction of the people. Judge Chubbuck was of a candid and devotional turn of mind. In 1810 he experienced

Aaron Chubbuck.

religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He was the first class leader in Orwell, a class of five being formed there in 1814, consisting of himself, wife, brother Nathaniel, Chester Prince and Father Thacher. He remained a leader of this class until 1857. One who knew Judge Chubbuck says: "The

great characteristic of his life was of the good and solid instead of brilliant and partook rather of sound discretion and good common sense, great honesty of purpose and kindness of heart. He was not great but good. No man had more of the esteem and regard of his neighbors and associates than Judge Chubbuck." By his wife Matilda he had three children, Lucinda D. (Mrs. Isaac Pratt), Horace G. and Matilda H. C. (Mrs. Chas. N. Mory). His wife died in 1854 and he subsequently married Miss Julia A. Smith of Nichols, N. Y. After the death of his second wife he spent his closing days on the old farm with his daughter, Mrs. Mory.

James, b April 5, 1801, married 1st Pamelia Keeney, 2nd Hester Crandall, 3rd Mrs. Cynthia Bull; was a leading member of the M. E. church, died Feby. 7, 1873; children, Carlos J., Charles E., Carlton K. and Caroline P. (Mrs. Francis C. Woodruff).

Chloe, b Dec. 8, 1803, married Levi Frisbie, died in Orwell, Aug. 20, 1860; was mother of 4 sons and 2 daughters.

Daniel Ostrander, b May 17, 1805, married Polly Oakley of Susquehanna county, removed to Mount Vernon, Iowa where he died June 3, 1880; had a son Daniel J. and two daughters.

Hollis S., b March 13, 1809, practiced medicine first at Orwell and afterwards in Elmira where he died March 4, 1883; married, 1831, Elizabeth A. Heath.

Austin E., b June 16, 1810, was first a farmer, merchant at Elmira and finally a prominent Methodist minister of the Genesee Conference; died in Elmira, April 15, 1882.

Francis S., b Mch. 10, 1812, married Polly Robinson, died May 15, 1890 at Nichols, N Y., followed farming until 1849 when he joined the Wyoming Conference of the M. E church and was many years a successful preacher; children, Rev. Emory F. and two daughters.

Dr. Horace LeBaren came to the upper Sugar Creek valley before 1812. He married Laura, daughter of Nathaniel Allen (I–246) of East Troy and located in Columbia township where he practiced successfully until his death in 1827. He left children, Horace, Frederick, Charles, Lydia, Laura and Lucy. His widow afterwards married Benjamin McKean.

Samuel Strait, a native of Rhode Island enlisted in the American army at North Kingston and served under General Stark at the battle of Bennington. He removed from Rhode Island to Vermont, settling at Manchester. In 1812 he purchased a tract of land in Bradford county in what is known as Farmers' Valley, Troy township. The same year his sons Burton and Samuel came on from Vermont and located in Columbia. Mr. Strait came to his purchase in 1821 and died there, 1838 in his 97th year. His remains rest in Glenwood cemetery,

Troy. He was four times married and the father of 17 children. By his third wife, Jerusha Burton, he had 13 children as follows: Burton, George, Polly, Samuel, Jerusha, Isaac and Laban (twins, died young), Laura, Esther, Huldah, Thomas, Sarah and John H. B.

Burton, born Sept. 4, 1781; married, 1800, Rachel Saxton; died Jany. 5, 1858. He was a soldier War of 1812, serving under General Dearborn in the 1st Vermont militia. He came to Columbia township in 1812 and was one of the prominent and useful citizens of the county. He served as justice of the peace, county auditor and county commissioner and was popularly known as Captain Strait from his office in the old militia. He had 11 children, part of whom settled in Tioga county. His son William married Mary Ann Besley.

Samuel, brother of Burton, came to Columbia with him in 1812. He was likewise a man of prominence and served as county auditor and prothonotary. He married Rachael Purdy and had four daughters and a son, Samuel, who was prominent in the business affairs of Canton, establishing the first bank there and engaging in the coal trade and milling. He married Laura M. Clark and had children, Dida C., Samuel S. and Julia H.

Elijah and ***Chester Prouty***, evidently brothers and sons of John Prouty, a Revolutionary soldier of Spencer, Mass., early joined the Sugar Creek settlement in Burlington, the former coming thereto in 1803 and the latter a few years later. Chester married Mary Lytle of Wyoming county, finally removed to Center county, Pa., where he died at the age of 80 years. He had children, Nathaniel, Chester, Elijah, Jeptha, Maryetta and Mary.

Roberts (Robert, Robart)—Jesse and Nathan Roberts came to the Canton neighborhood as early as 1803. *Jesse* had sons Jesse and William. In 1853, William Robert and wife Loretta, James Pratt and wife Eliza, Lewis Adams and wife Sally, Mary Ann Robert, J. B. Greenleaf and wife Hannah, C. S. Elliott and wife Maria, Julius Pratt and wife Rebecca evidently heirs of Jesse, deed to Jesse Robert land in LeRoy township. There was another *William Roberts* cotemporaneous with the former, probably son of Nathan. He was born Jan. 29, 1796, married Betsy, daughter of David Pratt, died 1865 in Canton. Their children and marriages: Mehitable to David Cole; Hannah to William McClelland; Julius died unmarried; William to Margaret Ann Sturrock; Lyman; David died in Iowa; Mary Jane never married; Marietta to Erastus Putnam; Asa died in Iowa; Viola died in Dakota; Velira to Frank Baldwin.

Jabez Fletcher, a native of East Haddam, Mass., who had been

a seaman, came to Smithfield township, 1811. He made numerous improvements which he sold to the settlers. He died April, 1847 in Smithfield, aged 64 years. His wife was Naomi Pettibone by whom he had children, David, Jacob, Stephen, John, James, Sylvia (Mrs. Uriah Williams), Almira (Mrs. Abram Kniffin) and Charlotte (Mrs. Abram Eastman).

Stephen F. married Rhoda Scouten and spent his life in farming in Smithfield. Their children were John P., Scouten, B. Frank, Jabez G., Alfred E., David C., Charles, Viola (Mrs. Madison Sargeant), Elizabeth (Mrs. S. Ross) and Ella.

Jesse Sumner, born September 2, 1789 in Halifax, Vermont, found his way to Smithfield in 1811 where he purchased a tract of wild land. He cut and cleared four acres, sowed to winter wheat and in the fall of 1812 returned to Halifax to claim his bride, Mary Miller Harkness. They were married Dec. 17, 1812 and soon after started for their new home. Their conveyance was a sled drawn by two yoke of oxen. On this sled were packed a feather bed with bedding, clothing, some furniture and provisions. When within a day's journey of their destination Mr. Sumner was stricken with fever and died. The remains were taken to Smithfield for burial and Mrs. Sumner given a home in the family of Deacon Hackett, where Oct. 11, 1813 her son Jesse was born. She subsequently married John Bird (p 29).

Jesse, only child of Jesse and Mary Sumner, married Nov. 21, 1841, Louisa, daughter of Ziba and Eliza Bird Gerould; was a splendid Christian gentleman; spent his whole life in Smithfield where he died Dec. 16, 1892; children, Orpheus Bird, Elbertine L. (Mrs. Lewis A. Bosworth) and Betsy Gerould (Mrs. Llewellyn Blackman).

William Compton, a ship carpenter and native of Providence, R. I. came from Otsego county, N. Y. to Smithfield, 1812. He was a son of William and Elizabeth Franklin (a niece of Benj. Franklin) Compton. He married Huldah Beals, sister of Abigail Beals, wife of Rev. John Smith (I—245), who with Harry Grover, Elias and Francis Needham and others with their families emigrated to Kentucky. Mr. Compton occupied and died on the Rev. S. A. Califf farm.

Major John Parkhurst, a soldier of the Revolution, settled in Springfield township, 1812. He and his family were prominent in the affairs of the new settlement. His sons were Daniel, John, Josiah, Curtis, Dexter, Joel and Eben and daughters, Sally (Mrs. Wm. Evans) and Polly. *Daniel* practiced medicine in Springfield until his death in 1819. *Eben* married a daughter of Aden Brown and occupied the homestead.

Nathaniel Clapp, a Quaker, came from Livingstone Manor, N. Y. to Athens, settling near Spanish Hill before 1808. Of his children: *Allen* married Ann Quick, had several children and lived in Athens until his death; *Deborah* married William Gernert (p 156) of Columbia; *Elizabeth* married Alpheus Harris; *Nathaniel* married Cynthia, daughter of Ira Stephens; was a prominent and active business man, elected county auditor, 1822 and a member of the state constitutional convention, 1836; his children were H. Clay, Stephen G., Amelia (Mrs. Wm. E. Allen) and Julia (Mrs. Barnes).

Samuel Bennett came from Orange county, N. Y. to Ridgebery, 1807, settling on the hill still bearing his name. He was a tailor and plied the needle in connection with clearing and improving land. "His farm was covered with berry bushes and he gave his place the name of Ridge-berry." He was one of the most active promoters in forming the new township and was given the privilege of furnishing a name, which was that of his farm, *Ridgeberry*, and it was adopted.

Parley Johnson, a native of Tolland, Conn., came to Windham in 1811. He was a blacksmith by occupation. It is related that when he was moving from the East "he lost a horse and harnessed himself to the side of the remaining horse and drew the load until he could procure another." He settled on the Wappasening near Shoemaker's mill. He was thrifty and performed his part faithfully and well in the new settlement. He reared a large family and died, 1873, aged 88. He married in Connecticut Lucia Webster. Their children and marriages follow: *Lucia* to James Finch; *James M.* to Jane K. Walker; *Minerva* to Peter Pierce; *Almena* to Daniel Shoemaker; *Harriet* to Augustus L. Smith; *Caroline* to Thomas W. White; *Jefferson* to Charlotte Briggs; *Eliza A.* to Lemuel Olmstead; *Ellen* to James Park; *Parley* to Eliza Manchester; *Charles* to Sally Osborn.

Nathan Maynard, a native of Vermont and blacksmith by occupation, married Hannah Streator. The Streator family having settled in Orwell, Mr. Maynard came also in 1812. About 1830 he removed from Orwell to Rome village where he continued to reside until his death, May 25, 1855, aged 72 years. The children of Nathan and Hannah Maynard were Maria, Harriet, Hiram, Pierpont, William E. and Lemuel S. Mrs. Maynard died Feby. 2, 1819, aged 52 and he afterwards married Lydia Prince by whom he had children, Freeman, Jackson, Orson, Julius, Dayton (died young) and Hiram. Lydia Maynard died March 30, 1855, aged 62. Children married as follows: *Maria* to Daniel Miller; *Harriet* to Edwin Ridgway; *Pierpont* to Laura Washborn; *William E.* to Nancy Cranmer; *Hiram* went West; *Lemuel*

S. to Amanda E. Cranmer; *Freeman* to Sarah Tomlins; *Jackson* to Gulyelma Woodburn and removed to Illinois; *Orson* went West; *Julius* also went West.

Sylvester Barns, who was born October 24, 1785 in Washington, Litchfield county, Conn., was the third son in a family of eight children of Elijah and Marcy (Farnham) Barns, both natives of New England states and supposed to be of Scotch origin. His father, a farmer, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and died soon after its close. The mother again married and died in Greene county, N. Y. Sylvester at the age of 17 years, purchased his time and being somewhat acquainted with the carpenter and joiner trade, engaged in that business in erecting forges at Salisbury, Conn., and other buildings. On the 25th of October, 1809, he married Sally, daughter of Samuel Darby Goff of Conn. Soon after he removed to Sheffield, Mass. and carried on his previous business. In 1813 he removed with his family to Standing Stone, Bradford county and soon after to Myersburg where he worked four years in Wm. Myer's grist-mill. He then, in 1819, purchased the farm and mill property of the Ridgways on Wysox creek in Rome township. The balance of his life was spent in clearing his new farm and carrying on his grist-mill, and during his whole career, integrity in all business transactions with his fellow-men was his characteristic. In matters of school and church interests he was never in the background but liberally supported both, and soon after coming to Pennsylvania he and his wife both united with the Baptist church of Orwell and Wysox. He was one of the organizers of the Baptist church at Rome and for many years a deacon. "Deacon Barns" died March 11, 1871 in his 86th year. His wife, b Nov. 7, 1787, d April 5, 1841. Their children and marriages follow:

Samuel Lewis, b Nov. 17, 1810, married Jane E. Cannan, Rome.

Sally Maria, b Sept. 9, 1812, married John Woodburn, Rome.

Elijah Farnham, b July 25, 1815, married Amanda Forbes, Rome.

Harriet M., b Oct. 16, 1817, married Preceptor Forbes, Rome.

Ridgway Sylvester, b Aug. 2, 1819, married Harriet Forbes, Rome.

David Buel, b Mch. 15, 1821; married Mrs. Elizabeth (Chaffee) Kinney, died Sept. 20, 1903, being the last surviving member of the family.

Edwin B., b June 8, 1825, married Esther Verbeck.

Allen W., b May 28, 1828, married Maria Miller, was a member of Co. A, 82nd P. V., died Dec. 28, 1864 before Petersburg, Va.

David Olds came as a settler to Orwell before 1812. Here he and his wife Jerusha both died at advanced ages. They had a son *Wallace*

who sold the homestead and removed West. He had children, Warren, Edith (Mrs. Nathaniel Lines) and Mary.

Streators were from Vermont, coming to Orwell about 1810-'11. They were Amasa, Lemuel, Nathan and Hannah who married Nathan Maynard.

Amasa married Hannah, daughter of John Lent, lived in Wysox a number of years then removed to Erie, Pa.

Lemuel was a man of prominence in the early political affairs of the county. He was elected Sheriff, 1818, County Commissioner, 1821 and Representative, 1823-'24-'25. He had the unique distinction of being sheriffed while sheriff, the sale of his property being conducted by the county coroner. While attending the 1825-'26 session of the legislature he died very suddenly and was buried at Harrisburg. He and his wife Charity (d Aug. 5 1824, aged 42 years) left three children, Price F., Lemuel W. and Harriet, aged 20, 14 and 12 respectively in 1826.

John Lyons, a native of Ithaca, N. Y., who had married Jemima, daughter of Richard Horton, came to the Hornbrook settlement in 1813. He was a lumberman, and about 1840 removed to Standing Stone. His children were Isaac, Richard, John, Elizabeth (Mrs. Mahu Horton), Rachel (Mrs. John Bish), Anna J. (Mrs. Christmas Hainsworth), Diana (Mrs. Alonzo Barns) and Mahala (Mrs. F. M. Maynard). The eldest son, *Isaac* became a prominent and influential business man and was elected County Commissioner, 1861, He died Mch. 27, 1902 at his home in Allis Hollow, aged 86 years.

William F. Dininger, a Frenchman and somewhat noted as a teacher, came to Wysox before 1810. He taught school in the surrounding neighborhoods; was a merchant in Asylum, 1817 and innkeeper in Wyalusing, 1818-'19. He took an active interest in political matters and was elected county auditor, 1814. He married Elizabeth (Strope) Vanhorn, daughter of Sebastian Strope (I—94) and finally removed to Ohio.

Churchill Barnes, who served in the War of 1812, was a settler in the upper Sugar Creek valley, Troy township, before 1812. He was prominent in the affairs of the new settlement, elected county commissioner, 1827 and many years a justice of the peace. He married Samantha, daughter of John Dobbins (I—211) and at his death, Dec. 5, 1847, aged 65 years, left everything to his widow.

Chester Gridley, evidently from Vermont, came to Orwell in or before 1812. He was one of the first justices of the peace in the county. He had married Rhoda, daughter of Josiah Grant (I—300); died

in 1814, survived by his wife and children, Harry, Chauncey G., Charlotte, Sally, Lydia P. and Fanny.

Harry died in Orwell previous to 1852 survived by his wife Mary and children, Alice E., Henry N., Mary Ann and Martha C.

Chauncey G. married Sophia Morgan of Dimock, Pa.; spent most of his life in Orwell; died in East Towanda; had sons, Lewis B. (killed in Civil War) and Elijah C.

Charlotte married Benjamin Buffington of Warren.

Sally married Henry Gibbs and was the mother of Elijah B. and Henry.

Lydia P. died unmarried, 1852.

Fanny married ——— Chaffee and left children, Chester G., Sally and Edgar G.

Jacob Rogers located in Warren, 1812-'13. He had a large family and continued his struggles in the wilderness until his death, January 9, 1830. He was survived by his wife Sarah and eight children, Alexander, Dickerson, Philip, Nancy (Mrs. Penuel Corbin), Abrazina, Phebe (Mrs. Daniel Nolton), Hannah and Sarah, four other children, Zebulon, William, Elizabeth (Mrs. Thomas Wright) and Jacob having died.

Jacob, Jr. died in Warren, 1827, leaving a son Jacob.

Zebulon left children, Enos, Rebecca, Sally and Maria.

William's children were James, John, William, Gilbert, Eliza, Polly and George.

Elizabeth (Mrs. Thomas Wright) left children, Daniel, Nancy and Parmelia.

Williston West came to the Harry Decker place in Towanda township before 1812 and cleared a considerable part of the farm. He died in 1819 at an advanced age and was buried at Cole's. His second wife was Susannah, daughter of Benjamin Bosworth by whom he had children, Williston, Andrew, Harrison, Lorenzo and Amy. His widow afterwards married John Haithorn. *Williston* married Polly Avery; *Andrew* and *Amy* went West with the Mormans.

Brague Brothers—Ebenezer Brague came to Ulster, 1812 and settled at Gibson Hollow where he died. He had children, William, Henry, Morris, Elizabeth (Mrs. Chas. Hawkins) and Mary. *Horace*, brother of Ebenezer, settled in Burlington township. He married Amy Bennett of Sugar Creek, their children being Francis, Louise (Mrs. Burton Northrup), Ellen (Mrs. Nathaniel Strope), Ebenezer, John, Horace, Ann (Mrs. Chas. Cadet) and Nathaniel. *Charles*, the third broth-

er, lived in Burlington. He married Nellie Foster and had children, Stephen, Jane, Cynthia, Hannah and Sophronia.

Dimmick—Amasa Dimmick of Tolland county, Conn. was an officer in the Revolutionary war. He left at his death, wife, Matilda and children, Amasa, Simeon, Matilda (Mrs. Aaron Chubbuck), Lucinda, Wealthy, Lois and Nancy. After some of her children had settled in Orwell, Mrs. Dimmick came there and died, 1852.

Amasa Dimmick, son of Amasa and Matilda Dimmick, born, 1787 in Tolland, Conn., came to Orwell, 1812. He engaged in the improvement of land until his death, Aug. 5, 1861. He married, Jany. 17, 1813, Sophia Price (b 1788, d April 1, 1885). Their children and marriages follow: *Matilda Ellis* to Wm. R. Sexton; *Rev. Francis Asberry* to Drusilla Daws; *Sophia* to Levi Hoos; *Wealthy* to Sabin Allen.

Simeon Dimmick, brother of Amasa, came to Orwell with him, or the same year, 1812. He was born, 1793, d 1863. He was a farmer in Orwell; married, 1816, Nancy Robinson. Their children and marriages: *Caroline R.* never married; *Simeon L.* to Amanda McKee; *Nancy M.* to Franklin Dimmick; *Harvey E.* to 1st Susan Case, to 2nd Dora Chaffee; *Harriet N.* to T. E. Gridley; *Lafayette* to Agnes Ryan; *Electa* to A. Clark Hanford;

John Dimmick, a cousin of Amasa and Simeon, came to Orwell with them or about the same time. His wife was Anna Frost. He died in Orwell, 1836 and she in 1845. They had no children.

Cicero Dimmick, a brother of John, came from Tolland, Conn. to Orwell after his brother and cousins. He was born, 1781, died, 1868. He married, 1808, Mary Charter (b 1791, d 1865). Their children and marriages follow: *Mary* to Peter Bennett; *Horace* to Nancy Thatcher; *Sarah* to James Jones; *Eunice* to James Cleveland; *Franklin* to Nancy Dimmick; *Daniel* to Ann Alderson; *Elias* to Jane Darrow; *Oliva* to Arad Pratt; *Lois* to Huston Platt; *Chloe* to Simeon G. Rockwell.

Fanning—The family is supposed to be of Norman origin, dating back to *Richard Fanyn* of Ireland in the 13th century, who was killed in a rebellion against Henry III. Edmund, a descendant of Richard, came to America, 1633, settling at New London, Conn. He served in King Philip's war, as did also, his sons, Edmund, Thomas and John. His son Edmund married Margaret Billings of Stonington and located at Groton. Their son, Jonathan, married Elizabeth Way and had five daughters and sons, Jonathan and David *David* was a soldier in the French and Indian war. He was twice married and the father of 18

children. His son *Elisha* was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving from July 10, 1776 to Feby. 24, 1781. He had children, Elisha, David, Polly, John, Abigail, Amos, Jesse, Betsey, Nancy, Daniel, Alvin, Hiram and Almira.

Elisha Fanning, eldest son of Elisha and Mary (Button) Fanning, was born Sept. 4, 1780 at Groton, Conn. He removed with his parents to West Springfield, Mass. and in 1812 joined the pioneer settlement in Springfield, Bradford county. He cleared and improved a farm at Leona where he died Nov. 2, 1859. He was one of the original members of the Methodist Society of Leonard Hollow and in every respect a worthful citizen. He married 1st, March 11, 1801, Betsey, daughter of Joséph Grace (p 101); she b Dec. 15, 1779, d June 25, 1814; children, Amanda, Eliza, Hiram, William J., Charlotte, David Grace and Edwin. Mr. Fanning married 2nd Naomi Barber; married 3rd, April 8, 1824, Mrs. Esther (Beach) McKean, daughter of Timothy and Abigail (Bennett) Beach and had children, Amos Button and Luther Jones.

Amanda, b Dec. 23, 1801, married Stephen A. Mills of North Towanda, d Aug. 22, 1879.

Eliza, b March 17, 1803, married Ephraim Sargeant of Springfield, died March 5, 1885 at Marion, Iowa; children, Ephraim D., Robert A. and Emily V. (Mrs. Joseph L. Flint).

Hiram, b May 27, 1805, was one of the early school teachers of Springfield, died Aug. 28, 1833, unmarried.

William Jayne, b March 7, 1807, d March 15, 1872 at Leona; married 1st Abigail, daughter of Avery and Sally Brown; children, Juliette Maria (Mrs. John F. Porter), Hannah M. (Mrs. James H. Ross), Isaac N., Alina Geraldine (Mrs. Walter E. Ballard); married 2nd Mrs. Henrietta (Hubbard) Bonfoey.

Charlotte, b Feby. 16, 1809, married, May 2, 1832, John Ward of Springfield, d May 29, 1884; children, Maria A., Philander L. and Lemira M.

David G., b Feby. 15, 1811, married, Mch. 14, 1833, Antis, daughter of Alexander and Chatherine (Brown) Canedy, died March 15, 1903 at Wetona; children, Rosena Melvina (Mrs. Noah W. Smith), Amanda (Mrs. John C. Leonard), Ira S., Melvin D. and Adelbert C., former district attorney and president judge of Bradford county.

Amos B., b Jany. 18, 1825, d Dec. 21, 1897; married 1st Nov. 25, 1846 Martha Ann Smith; child, Ann Elizabeth (Mrs. H. M. Griffith); married 2nd Josephine Bonfoey; married 3rd Carrie Layman.

Luther J., b Sept. 1, 1827, d Dec. 31, 1910; married Orrill S.

Phelps; children, Ellen L. (Mrs. James M. Beach), Flora J. (Mrs. Curtis Swain), Clayton M. and Alice J. (Mrs. J. B. Dickinson).

Irvine (originally Irwin)—John Irvine, a Scotchman, emigrated to this country with his parents and settled near Milton, Pa. where he owned a farm. During the Revolutionary war, anticipating the move of the British and Indians, Mr. Irvine loaded his goods in canoes and passed down the river with his family into Cumberland county for safety. While here he died, the family moving back to their old home after the troubles were over. John Irvine was three times married, having children by each wife, 22 in all. Three of his sons, Andrew, George and Welch came to Bradford county.

Andrew Irvine, the eldest son of John by his third marriage, was born May 28, 1789 in Northumberland county. In 1812 he and his brother Guy C., returning from the war, passed through Towanda. The place at that time was more remarkable for three streams of water, running through it, than anything else it possessed. The center stream caught the eye of Andrew as the spot to locate a tannery. Accordingly he purchased a half-acre of ground of William Means and erected a 2½-story log house thereon. In the upper room he cooked his meals and slept using the lower room for a shop. Mr. Irvine's lot extended from one door south of where M. E. Rosenfield's store now is to Patton's block. His log house stood about 35 feet below Main street back of the Tidd Hotel. The tannery was situated on the creek, north and east of the log house. In 1814 he married Catharine McAffee of Turbot, Pa. Their eldest daughter, Jane, born Oct. 15, 1815, is said to have been the first child to see the light within the original borough limits. In 1828 he built the first brick house in Towanda. He was noted for his good judgment and sterling integrity. From 1824 to '26 he was county treasurer and again in 1830-'31. In 1836 he sold his property in Towanda and removed to Warren county, engaging extensively in lumbering and farming; died Jany. 4, 1853. His children, all born in Towanda, were Jane D., Mary Ann, Benjamin F., Catherine, Guy C. and Thomas J.

George Irvine, half-brother of Andrew, born March, 1775, had moved his brother to Towanda and being pleased with the country concluded to remove to that section also. Accordingly in December, 1813 he loaded a lumber wagon with goods and his family and started with a four-horse team for Bradford, coming by the way of Williamsport and Muncy, up the Lycoming creek, which he crossed 36 times. He reached Monroe on December 17th after dark. He contracted with the

Asylum Land Company for 200 acres of land in Monroe township and began improvements thereon, in the spring of 1814. Having built a hewed log-house, he moved in with his family, being the first settler between Fowlertown and John Benjamin's in Asylum, a distance of six miles. The home in the wilderness was a dreary one, as not a neighbor's house was in sight and the woods full of panthers, bears and wolves. The last would come at night to within a short distance of their house and make the woods ring with their terrifying howls. Sheep and hogs had to be kept in strong pens at night to be secure from these destructive beasts. Mr. Irvine with the aid of his sons, after years of hardship and toil, cleared up a large farm and paid for it. One season crops were a failure and he was required to go to Northumberland for a supply of corn and wheat. Mr. Irvine was noted for his sterling qualities; he was a man of peace and bestowed liberally upon his poor neighbors and toward the public good. His death occurred March 23, 1844. He had married Feby. 19, 1801, Margaret, daughter of Wm. Reed, a distinguished soldier of the Revolution; she, b March 26, 1780, d Feby. 17, 1872. They had eight children as follows:

John, b Dec. 17, 1801, married 1st Martha Arnout, and had children, Mary Ann (Mrs. Milton Homet), Washington and Martha (Mrs. A. B. Sumner); married 2nd Patience Merritt, no children; married 3rd Emma (Stevens) Place, children resulting John M. and Ada L., died Oct. 16, 1881 in Wyalusing township.

James Reed, b Nov. 22, 1805, married May 16, 1833, Sarah Bull, died, 1891 at Liberty Corners on the farm which he cleared and improved; was 49 years a pilot on the Susquehanna.

Mary, b Aug. 22, 1807, married 1st Peter Arnout, 2nd Robert Bull of Asylum; was a lady greatly beloved, and retained her mental and physical powers to a most remarkable degree; died April 18, 1901 in her 94th year.

Samuel, b Jany. 18, 1810, married Margaret Irvine of Warren connty, Pa., where he settled and died.

William W., b April 5, 1812, married Eliza Hollon, occupied a part of the homestead, died Oct. 23, 1897.

Anna, b Feby. 23, 1814, married Joseph Bull, d April 9, 1881.

George, b Nov. 11, 1816, married 1st Jane Sweet, 2nd Eunice Heverly, occupied a part of the homestead, d Sept. 5, 1890.

Rebecca J., b June 28, 1819, never married, died at Liberty Corners, July 5, 1902.

Welch Irvine, a brother of George, b June 15, 1780, was a boat builder by occupation and followed boating on the West Branch and

the Susquehanna several years. He came to Monroe from Lewisburg, Pa. with his wife and child in 1814. He settled in the wilderness beyond his brother George; cleared and improved a 100-acre farm where he died Feby. 13, 1850. Mr. Irvine was a man of fine intelligence; "his life was pure and his virtues and integrity unquestioned." He had married July 15, 1810, Miss Mary M. Kester; she, b Feby 4, 1793, d Nov. 16, 1849. Their children were:

John B., b June 22, 1813, engaged in the foundry business at Towanda some years, died Aug. 16, 1860.

George K., b April 18, 1815, went to Mississippi when a young man, died March 20, 1901 in Dunn county, Wis.

Guy C., b Aug. 25, 1816, married Deborah A. Hollon, occupied the homestead, died, 1886.

Catherine M., b Nov. 27, 1819, married John White of Monroe, d Aug. 4, 1841.

James W., b March 6, 1825, married Almira Hollon, many years merchant, postmaster and farmer at Liberty Corners, d Oct. 9, 1903.

Maria A., b April 8, 1828, married Harry Benjamin of Asylum, d April 27, 1903.

Robinson—Capt. Dan Robinson of Granville, Mass. was an officer in the Revolutionary war. He had a son Dan, who married Betsy Cowdry. They had children, Alice, Abigail, Curtis, William, Clarissa, Sophronia, Corintha, Betsy and Chauncy, of whom the following came to Bradford county: *Sophronia* married Jarvis Lloyd, lived in Orwell and had children, Alphonso, Clarissa, James, Maryette, Sarah, Almond, Robinson, Whitmond, William, Julia and Julius; *William* married Lydia Parker and had children, Melinda, Olive, Eliza, Orlando, Aurora, James, Almira and Celestina; *Carintha* married Thrall Blair, lived in Orwell and had children, William, Linus and Addison; *Betsy* married Jerry Barnes, who died in Mass.; she afterwards came to Orwell with her sons, John, Jerry, Robinson and Chauncy.

Curtis Robinson, son of Dan and Betsy (Cowdry) Robinson, was born Nov 21, 1783 at Granville, Mass. He came to Orwell in or before 1804, locating in the wilderness at Allis Hollow. His grandson, E. M. Robinson, occupies the farm which he cleared and improved. Mr. Robinson was a noted hunter and performed his part courageously in the new country. He married Rhoda, sister of Joel Barnes, Sr. (p 9), died Sept. 23, 1854; she, born Oct. 15, 1781 at Blandford, Mass., died August 21, 1871; both inhumed in the Orwell cemetery. Their children and marriages follow; *Louisa*, to Simon Kinney; *Sally* to Morris Woodruff; *Polly* to Rev. Francis S. Chubbuck; *Betsy* to John John-

son; *Dan* to Lucy Howe; *Curtis* to Rhoda Smith; *Wesley* to Elsie Wage; *Whitmore*, when a young man, killed in assisting moving a building; *Linus* to Clarissa Norton.

Daniel Brewster, a native of Long Island and said to have been a lineal descendant of Elder William Brewster of Mayflower celebrity, removed to Susquehanna county in 1800 and before 1812 came to Wysox. He married Roxanna Beeman of Wyalusing, enlisted and served in the War of 1812. He finally located on Lime Hill and pursued his vocation of tailoring; died in 1869, aged 92 years. His wife died in 1870. They had 12 children as follows: *John* married and lived in New York state; *Nelson* married and lived in Herrick; *J. Hartwell* married a Miss Washburn, died in Civil War; *Eldad*, the last surviving member of the family lived in Herrick; *Davis* went to California and died there; *Caroline* married John Kissel, died in Herrick; *Parmelia* married Nathan Coleman of Herrick; *Hannah* married Joseph Lee of Albany; *Sally* married Williams, brother of Joseph Lee; *Jane* married Samuel Woodruff of Wyalusing; *Angeline* married Horace Beeman of Rome; *Philander* was a Baptist preacher.

Isaac Miller, born Aug. 15, 1793 at Bennington, Vt., came to Burlington, 1812 and for many years was one of the leading citizens of the town. He served as a justice of the peace and in other local capacities. He married, April 11, 1822, Beulah, daughter of Isaac Morley (p 102). In 1842 he sold his property in Burlington and removed to Boone county, Ill. where he devoted his time to the cultivation of his 320-acre farm. Here he likewise was a prominent and useful citizen. He died April 14, 1868 at Belvidere. His wife, b Aug. 7, 1797, d Nov. 27, 1863. Their children and marriages follow:

Asenath, b May 14, 1823, married Josephus Campbell of Burlington, d 1841.

Clarkson, b June 20, 1825, married Maria Daniels, was educated in Oberlin College, O. and for over 40 years was a prominent and successful teacher in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas, died Oct. 13, 1908 in Rush Co., Kan., being the last of the family.

Isaac D., b Dec. 26, 1827, married Caroline Akin of Crawford Co., Pa., engaged in milling and farming in Illinois, died March 2, 1908 at Belvidere.

Elizabeth, b May 11, 1830, married Benjamin Tambling, died in Cohocton, N. Y.

Dorastus, b June 5, 1832, married Nancy Haight, engaged in mining in Michigan and Africa afterwards settled on a farm, Ingham Co., Mich., where he died Jany. 1892.

. *Julia*, b Nov. 17, 1835, married Henry Hill, died Oct. 9, 1890 at Belvidere, Ill.

Alfred, b July 6, 1837, married Emma Tongue, died July 13, 1901 at Belvidere.

John, b Aug. 25, 1839, married Ada Strong, died in Idaho.

Frances, b Jany. 14, 1842, died May 6, 1857 at Belvidere, unmarried.

Residents at County Organization—The taxable inhabitants (all males 21 years and over and females owning property) at the organization of Bradford county (1812-'13) as ascertained from assessment rolls, voting lists and other sources were as follows:

Wyalusing

Including Tuscarora, Wilmot, Terry and Parts of Asylum and Standing Stone.

Benjamin Ackley
Lloyd Ackley
Ambrose Allen
James Anderson
Roswell Babcock
Seymour Beeman
Stephen Beeman
Ebenezer Bigsby
Eli Billings
Joseph Black
Linas Brister
Allen Brown
Daniel Brown
Charles Brown
Humphrey Brown
Jabez Brown
Israel Buck
Elijah Camp
Job Camp
William Camp
James Carr
Stephen Charlot
Edward Cogswell
Elisha Cogswell
Julius Cogswell
Wm. Crawford
Dyer Crocker
Isaac Custard
Wm. Custard
William Dalton
Daniel Dodge
Edmond Dodge
Oliver W. Dodge
John Elliott
Elihu Hall
George Hall
Abraham Hess
Jacob Hoff
Jacob Hoff, Jr.
John Hoff
John Hollenback
Charles Homet
Ebenezer Horton
John Horton
Benj. Hurlbut
Moses Hurlbut
John Ingham
Jonas Ingham
Jonas Ingham, Jr.
Joseph Ingham
Nicholas Johnson
Richard Johnson
Alexander Lafevre
Anthony Lafevre
Bartholomew Laporte
Ebenezer Lewis
Jeremiah Lewis
John Lewis
Justus Lewis
Benj. Marsh
Eliphalet Marsh
Sidney Marsh
Simeon Marsh
Sylvanus Marsh
Widow Marsh
Andrew Merritt
Daniel Merritt
Gilbert Merritt
Nathan Scovell, Jr.
Walter Seymour
David Sharrick
John Sharts
Darius Shumway
Reuben Shumway
Michael Smith
Benj. Stalford
John Stalford
Joseph Stalford
Albegence Stevens
Raphael Stone
Samuel Sturdevant
John Taylor
Jonathan Terry
Joshua Terry
Nathan Terry
Nathaniel Terry
Uriah Terry
William Terry
Joseph Thompson
Thos. Updegrove
Anthony Vanderpool
Anthony Vanderpool, Jr.
Peter Vanderpool
Richard Vanderpool
Samuel Vanderpool
Wm. Vanderpool
Amos Vargason
Ezekiel Vargason
Elias Vaughn
Justus Vaughn
Shubal Vincent
Hiram Ward

Joseph Elliott
John Gamble
John Gamble, Jr.
Justus Gaylord
Lud Gaylord
Timothy Gaylord
Oliver Gilbert
Samuel Gilbert
John Miller
Lydia Oviatt
Alexander Park
Joseph Preston
Cornelius Quick
James Quick
Abraham Reeder
Nathaniel Sabin
Amasa Wells
Cyrus Wells
Guy Wells
Samuel Wells
Isaac Wheeler
Thos. W. Wigton
Wm. Wigton
M. Miner York

Wysox

Including Parts of Sheshequin, Rome and Standing Stone.

Harry Ailsworth
John Alger
Jesse Allen
Peter Allen
Stephen Allen
William Allen
Jedediah Atwood
John Atwood
Joseph Atwood
Lemuel Atwood
Sylvester Barns
Gamaliel H. Barstow
Seth T. Barstow
Richard Beebe
Thomas B. Beebe
Joseph Bell
Gideon Bennett
Nathan Bennett
Wilber Bennett
Henry Birney
John Birney
David Blackman
Franklin Blackman
Cyrus H. Brookins
Benjamin Brown
Daniel Brewster
Willard Buck
Wm. Buffington
John Bull
Thomas Bull
Reuben Bumpus
Walter Butler
Andrew Cannan
Matthew Cannan
Edward Cogswell
Daniel Coolbaugh
Moses Coolbaugh
Peter Coolbaugh
Samuel Coolbaugh
Christopher Cowell
James Elliott
John Elliott
John L. Elliott
Joseph Elliott
Thomas Elliott
William Elliott
Elnathan Ellis
Wm. Ferguson
Russell Gibbs
Samuel D. Goff
Isaac Green
Willard Green
John Gordon
Silas Gore
George Hannis
Abner C. Hinman
John Hinman
John B. Hinman
John Holghan
Daniel Holley
James Holley
Gilbert Horton
John Horton
Stephen Horton
Lorenzo Hovey
William Huyck
Peter Johnson
Truman Johnson
William Keeler
Abraham Lent
John Lent
Joseph Lent
Tobias Lent
Adrin Manville
Benj Martin
Daniel Martin
Ralph Martin
Ferdinand McDuffee
Stephen Merithew
Peter Miller
John Parks, Jr.
Shepard Patrick
Josiah Pierce
Shepard Pierce
Joseph M. Piollet
John Post
Peter Post
Zachariah Price
Jacob Primer
David Ridgway
Robert Ridgway
George Scott
John Shales
Caleb Shores
Joshua Shores
Nathaniel Shores
Samuel Shores
William Shores
Jesse Smith
Jonas Smith
Asa Stevens
Jonathan Stevens
Josiah Stocking
Amasa Streator
Jacob Strickland
Benj. Stringer
Catharine Strope
Henry Strope
Margaret Strope
Henry Tallady
John Tallady
Elijah Tracy
Peter Tutch
Ebenezer Tuttle
Henry Tuttle
Jacob Tuttle
Joel Tuttle
Josiah Tuttle
Wm. Tuttle
Henry Vankuren

Timothy Culver
John Dolton
Wm. F. Dininger
Daniel Drake
Ebenezer Drake
James Drake
James Drake, Jr.
William Drake
Benj. Dresser
Jacob Dutcher
Sarah Dutcher
John Dyer
David Eiklor
Frederick Eiklor
Hiram Mix
Joshua Moger
Samuel Moger
Enos Moody
Moses Moody
James Moore
Harry Morgan
Elihu Mott
Jacob Myer
William Myer
Abel Newell
Leb Newton
Chintz Paine
John Parks
David Vargason
Isaac Vargason
Rufus Vargason
David Vought
John Vought
Abraham Wandle
Adonijah Warner
Walter Wheeler
Elliott Whitney
Jacob Wickizer
John Wood
John Woodburn
Moses Woodburn
Naphtali Woodburn

Towanda

Including Monroe, Albany, Overton and Parts of Asylum and Franklin.

Amos Acla
Benjamin Acla
Adonijah Alden
Timothy Alden
Sarah Alger
Isaac Allen
Solomon Allen
Benj. Ashley
Enos Bailey
Ethan Baldwin
John Bates
Jonathan Benjamin
John Benjamin
Richard Benjamin
Amos Bennett
Amos Bennett, Jr.
Amos Bennett, 3rd.
Benj. Bennett
Ozias Bingham
David Blanchard
Erastus Blunt
George Bowman
Jacob Bowman
John Bowman
Charles Brown
Cynthia Carpenter
Elisha Carpenter
Absalom Carr
Edsall Carr
Aaron Carter
Usual Carter
Buckley Chaapel
Samuel Chilson
Abiel Foster
Abraham Foster
Isaac Foster
Rufus Foster
Austin Fowler
Jonathan Fowler
Russell Fowler
Abraham Fox
John Fox
John Franklin
Wm. French
Wm. French, Jr.
Jonathan Frisbie
Nathan Frisbie
Daniel Gilbert
Moses Gladding
Amos Goff
Humphrey Goff
Richard Goff
William Goff
John Goodwin
John Green
Andrew Gregg
Ebenezer B. Gregory
Ezekiel Griffis
Reuben Hale
John Head
Daniel Heverly
John Heverly
Gurdon Hewitt
Wheaton Hewitt
Sartile Holden
Stephen Horton
Lemuel Pason
Samuel Pellet
Wm. Pepper
John Pierce
Burr Ridgway
George Ringer
Jacob Ringer
Michael Ringer
James Roals
Abner C. Rockwell
Moses Rowley
Ezra Rutty
Ezra Rutty, Jr.
Henry Salisbury
John D. Saunders
Harmon Schrader
John Schrader
John Schrader, Jr.
Silas Scovell
Samuel Seely
John Simkinson
Seneca Simons
Harry Spalding
Noah Spalding
Obadiah Spalding
Wm. B. Spalding
Jabez Squires
Rees Stevens
Alphonsus C. Stewart
Martin Stratton
Timothy Stratton
Isaac Sutton
Eleazer Sweet

Ebenezer P. Clark
Elisha Cole
Solomon Cole
Adam Conly
Amos Cook
Benj. Coolbaugh
Wm. Coolbaugh
Wm. Coolbaugh, Jr.
Nathan Coon
Calvin Cranmer
Josiah Cranmer
Keturah Cranmer
Noadiah Cranmer
Samuel Cranmer
James Daugherty
Samuel Daugherty
Richard Davidson
Daniel Drake
Nathaniel Edsall
Peter Edsall
Isaac Ellsworth
John Felton
Wm. Finch
Job Irish
John E. Kent
Frederick Kissell
Ephraim Ladd
Horatio Ladd
Warner Ladd
Lemuel Landers
John Leavenworth
Williams Lee
James Lewis
Archelaus Luce
Eliphalet Mason
Amos V. Mathews
William Means
Hezekiah Merritt
Daniel Miller
Shadrach Miller
Edward Mills
John Mints
Samuel Needham
Oliver Newell
Abijah Northrup
James Northrup
John Northrup
Solomon Tallady, Jr.
Daniel Thompson
Elias Thompson
Wm. Thompson
Jacob Wagner
Moses Warford
Jane Watts
Chas. F. Welles
Williston West
Parley White
Ananias Whitman
Solomon Whitman
Daniel Wilcox
Freeman Wilcox
Rowland Wilcox
Sheffield Wilcox
Sheffield Wilcox, Jr.
Stephen Wilcox
Ziba Williams
Amasa Withey
Jared Woodruff
Jesse Woodruff
Joshua Wythe

Canton

Including LeRoy and Parts of Franklin and Granville.

David Allen
Nehemiah Allen
David Andrus
James Armstrong
James Armstrong, Jr.
Benj. Babcock
Joseph Babcock
Nathaniel Babcock
David Bailey
Ezra Bailey
Scoville Bailey
Smith Bailey
Timothy Bailey
Abel H. Blackman
Luther Banks
Chas. Butterfield
Isaac Chaapel
Jonathan Clark
William Clark
Isaac Cole
William Cole
John Crandle
James C. Crofut
Seeley Crofut
Daniel Ingraham
James Ingraham
Jacob Kingsbury
Aaron Knapp
John Knapp
John Knapp, Jr.
Samuel Knapp
Benj. Landon
Ezra Landon
Laban Landon
Laban Landon, Jr.
Levi Landon
Peter Latimer
David Lindley
Augustus Loomis
Henry Mercur
Gurley Marsh
Thos. B. Miles
Jesse Morse
Philip Packard
Abraham Palmer
Elam Parker
Samuel Parker
Abraham Parkhurst
Isaac Rundell
Samuel Rutty
Benj. Saxton
Orr Scovell
Orr Scovell, Jr.
Henry Segar
Stephen Sellard
Isaac Simons
John Smiley
Ezra Spalding
Horace Spalding
Wm. P. Spalding
Jeremiah Smith
Benj. Stone
Daniel Stone
Nancy Strickland
Stephen Strickland
Nathan B. Taber
Reuben M. Taber
Reuben Tower
Aziel Taylor
Jeremiah Taylor
Adam VanValkenburg
John Watts

Joanna Emmerson
Samuel Everet
Elizabeth Granteer
Jacob Granteer
John Granteer
Samuel Griffin
Isaiah Grover
Simon Grover
John Haxton
Luther Hinman
Hugh Holcomb
Sterling Holcomb
Amy Platner
Zoroaster Porter
David Pratt
David Pratt, Jr.
Ebenezer Pratt
Jesse Roberts
Nathan Roberts
Elias Rockwell
Ebenezer Rogers
Roswell R. Rogers
Zepheniah Rogers
Zepheniah Rogers, Jr.
David Way
Charles Wilcox
Daniel Wilcox
Daniel Wilcox, Jr.
Nathan Wilcox
Samuel Wilcox
Noah Wilson
Noah Wilson, Jr.
Oliver Woodward
Isaac Wooster
Philo Wooster

Burlington

Including West Burlington, Troy and Parts of Granville and North Towanda.

Amos Abbott
Jeremiah Acker
Adolphus Allen
Nathaniel Allen
Benj. G. Avery
Eason Bagley
John Bailey
Joshua Bailey
Thomas Bailey
John Ballard
Nathan Ballard
Nathaniel Ballard
Thomas Ballard
Churchill Barnes
Uriah Baxter
Jesse Beach
George Bloom
George Bloom, Jr.
Joseph Bloom
James Calkins
Joel Calkins
John Calkins
Moses Calkins
Zera Calkins
Cephas Campell
David Campbell
James Campbell
James Campbell, Jr.
Wm Campbell
Elihu Case
Reuben Case
Samuel Case
Robert Claflin
John Clark
William Clark
Jeremiah Cole
Zina Dunbar
Gustavius Ellsworth
Jehial Ferris
John Gamage
Ezra Goddard
Ezra Goddard, Jr.
Luther Goddard
Luther Goddard, 2nd
Mary Goddard
Eliphalet Gustin
Timothy H. Gustin
George Head
Adrial Hebard
James Hickok
Stephen Hickok
Lawson Heminway
Isaac Halstead
Chas. Hutchins
S. Henry Johnston
Ebenezer Kendall
Alexander Lane
William Lane
Horace Lebaren
Tilly Leonard
Daniel Loomis
Ezra Long
Abisha Marks
Jesse Marvin
James McDowell
Benj. McKean
James McKean
John McKean
Robert McKean
Samuel McKean
James Merritt
Thomas Merritt
John Phelps
Nathaniel Phelps
Beriah Pratt
Calvin Pratt
Ephraim Pratt
Elias Pratt
Gilbert Pratt
Jedediah Pratt
William Pratt
Chester Prouty
Elijah Prouty
Benj. Reynolds
Chas Reynolds
Elisha Rich
David Ross
John Ross
Reuben Rowley
David Rundell
Wm. Simson
Benj. H. Sleeper
Elihu Smead
Francis Smead
Reuben Smead
Silas Smith
David Soper
Levi Soper
Howard Spalding
Cephas Stratton
Joel Stevens
Bethuel Swain
Isaac Swain
Isaac Swain, Jr.
Jacob Swain
Jacob Thomas
Jeremiah Travis
Aldrick Ward

Samuel Conant
Francis Cronkrite
Wm. Cronkrite
Samuel Davis
Abraham DeWitt
Paul DeWitt
John Dobbins
Wm Dobbins
Wm Dobbins, Jr.
Daniel Miller
Derrick Miller
Isaac Miller
Wm. Millet
Walter Minthorn
Oliver Nelson
Wm Nichols
Stephen Palmer
Hannah Phelps
Eliphalet Ward
James Ward
David White
Reuben Wilber
Ansel Williams
Caleb Williams
David Williams
Joseph Wills
Jeduthan Withey

Ulster

Including Most of Sheshequin and Part of Rome.

Joseph Atwood
Christopher Avery
Daniel Avery
Peter Barnard
Samuel Bartlett
Timothy Bartlett
James Bidlack
Henry Boice
Ebenezer Brague
Benj. Brink
Daniel Brink
Amos Butler
Geo. W. Buttson
Calvin Carner
Lodowick Carner
Luther Carner
Isaac Cash
Nathaniel Catcham
John Church
Benj. Clark
Wm. Clark
Ezekiel Curry
Wm. Curry
Jabez Fish
Ernest Forbes
J. Christian Forbes
Avery Gore
Obadiah Gore
Samuel Gore
Samuel K. Gore
Roderick Granger
Alexander Hebard
Henry Hebard
Thaddeus Hemenway
George Hicks
John Hicks
Henry Hiney
Alpheus Holcomb
Eli Holcomb
Jared Holcomb
Truman Holcomb
David Horton
Elijah Horton
Isaac Horton
Joshua Horton
Richard Horton
William Horton
Gamaliel Jaquay
William Jones
Daniel Kellogg
Joseph Kingsbury
George Kinney
Joseph Kinney
William Knapp
Edmond Lockwood
Samuel Marshall
Thomas Marshall
Abraham Minier
Daniel Minier
Daniel Minier, Jr.
Elias Minier
John Minier
Cyrus Niles
Ezra Niles
Samuel Niles
Clark Nobles
Thomas Overton
Richard Pemberton
Russell Pemberton
Thomas Pemberton
Joseph C. Powell
Mary Powell
Wm. Presher
Wanton Rice
David Rogers
Matthew Rogers
Robert Russell
Elijah Saltmarsh
Ebenezer Segar
Ebenezer Shaw
James Shores
Adrial Simons
Elijah Simons
Jeduthan Simons
Henry Smith
John Smith
Joseph Smith
Joseph Smith, Jr.
Lockwood Smith
John Spalding
Obadiah Spalding
Simon Spalding
Peter Snyder
Wm. Snyder
Jonathan Thompson
Abraham Towner
Samuel Treadway
Josiah Tuttle
Abram Westbrook
Cherrick Westbrook
Joseph Westcoat
Ziba Westcoat
Thos. H. White
Jonathan Wilkinson

Orwell

Including Parts of Herrick and Rome.

Eleazer Allis
Eleazer Allis, Jr.
Silas Allis
Jesse Barnes
Joel Barnes
Amasa Browning
Daniel Browning
Wm. Browning
William Bush
Luther Chaffee
Nathaniel Chubbuck
Eliphalet Clark
Anson Collins
Joel Cook
Joel Cook, Jr.
Uriah Cook
David Conklin
John Cowles
Stephen Cranmer
Zeruah Cross
Abel Darling
Theron Darling
Amasa Dimmick
John Dimmick
Simeon Dimmick
John Dyer
Abel Easterbrooks
Jesse Easterbrooks
John Easterbrooks
Stephen Easterbrooks
Wm. S Easterbrooks
Caleb Emery
Chauncey Frisbie
Levi Frisbie
Cyprian Grant
James Grant
John Grant
Josiah W. Grant
Lysena Grant
Oratio Grant
Orente Grant
Zachariah Grant
Amos Green
Chester Gridley
Nathaniel Hickok
Nathaniel Hickok, Jr.
Daniel Hill
John Hill
Isaac Howe
James Howe
Philo Howe
Uriah Howe
Alvin Humphrey
Artemus Johnson
Asahel Johnson
Truman Johnson
Catherine Lent
James Lent
Richard Lent
Harry Knolton
Benoni Mandeville
Benajah Martin
Nathan Maynard
Nathaniel P. Moody
David Olds
Nathan Payson.
Wm. Payson
Lucinda Pierce
John Ranney
Czar Roberts
Elam Roberts
Libbeus Roberts
Curtis Robinson
Dan Russell
Hezekiah Russell
Hezekiah Russell, Jr.
Michael Russell
Roswell Russell
Ebenezer Smith
James Smith
Samuel Starks
Lemuel Streator
Nathan Streator
Thomes Thatcher
Stephen Utter
Achatias Vought
Daniel Vought
Godfrey Vought
Joseph Vought
John D. Wage
Wm. Warfield
Arunah Wattles
Dan Wattles
John Wattles
Samuel Wells
Hezekiah West
B. I. Woodruff
Samuel Woodruff

Pike

Including Part of Herrick.

Ambrose Allen
Reuben Atwood
Reuben Baker
Samuel Beecher
Zina Beaman
Josiah Benham
Judah Benjamin
Benajah Bennett
Benajah Bostwick
Dimon Bostwick
John Bostwick
Alba Bosworth
Joseph E. Browning
William Buck
Thomas Burt
Albert Campbell
Joel Cogswell
Reuben Coleman
John Curtis
Stephen Drinkwater
Samuel Dyer
Jesse Edsell
Samuel Edsell
Stephen Evits
Chas. W. Keeler
Samuel Luckey
Adolphus Martin
Amos Northrup
Asa Olmstead
David Olmstead
Ephraim Platt
Zopher Platt
Isaac Pratt
Geo. Ranney
Jesse Ross
James B. Rockwell

Joseph Bosworth
Josiah Bosworth
Orange Bosworth
Salmon Bosworth
Amasa Bowen
John Bradshaw
Salmon Bradshaw
Wm. Bradshaw
Henry Briggs
Benjamin Brink
James Brink
James Brink, Jr.
Jonathan Brink
Nicholas Brink
Thomas Brink
Wm. Brink
Wm. Brink, 2nd
Ezekiel Brown
John W. Browning

Edmund Fairchild
Ephraim Fairchild
Ephraim Fairchild, Jr.
Ely Fletcher
Bela Ford
John Ford
William Frink
Rufus Goodale
Joseph Gorham
Ralph Gregory
Isaac Hancock
Jesse Hancock
John Hancock
John Haywood
Reuben Heath
John Holeman
Simeon Johnson
William Johnson
Elisha Keele

Parsons S. Rockwell
Curtis F. Russell
Eleazer Russell
Matthias Scrivens
Gould Seymour
Isaac Seymour
Christopher Shoemaker
Aden Stevens
Charles Stevens
Irad Stevens
Jonathan Stevens
Nathan Stevens
Samuel Stevens
Abraham Taylor
Alanson Taylor
Simeon Taylor
Joseph Utter
Loomis Wells

Warren.

James Arnold
William Arnold
Wm. Arnold, Jr.
Alfred Allyn
Joseph Armstrong
Benj. Buffington
Luther Buffington
Preserved Buffington
Wm. Buffington
Abner Bowen
George Bowen
James Bowen
Moses Buffum
Arunah Case

Benjamin Case
Benj. T. Case
Amos Coburn
Ebenezer Coburn
Jonathan Coburn
Moses Coburn
Nathan Coburn
Parley Coburn
Aaron Corbin
LeRoy Corbin
Penuel Corbin
Relief Corbin
Simeon Decker

Lebeus Harris
Jeremiah R. Jenks
Livingston Jenks
Obediah Merrill
Geo. Pendleton
Jacob Rogers
Elnathan Spalding
Chas. Sutton
Robt. Sutton
Edward Tripp
Elisha Tripp
Joseph Tripp
Nathan Young

Windham.

Hezekiah Barnes
Darius Brainard
Jeptha Brainard
Jeptha Brainard, Jr.
Levi Brainard
William Brown
Abel Bruster
Oliver Corbin
Daniel Doane
Daniel Doane, Jr.
Seth Doane
Abraham Dunham
Hezekiah Dunham
Joanna Dunham

John Dunham
Samuel Dunham
Jonah Fox
Russell Fox
Thomas Fox
Garret Hamel
Augustus Hulon
Parley Johnson
James Mapes
Arunah Moore
Jonathan Pease
Henry Quadic
James Rogers

Edmund Russell
Benj. Shoemaker
Amos Smith
Asahel Smith
Jared Smith
Orange Smith
Stephen Smith
Amos Verbeck
Henry Verbeck
Jacob Verbeck
Arnold Whitford
Benj. Whitmarsh
Thomas Wright

Athens

Including Litchfield and Parts of Ridgebery and Sheshequin.

Oliver Arnold
Joseph Ballard
Josiah Ballard
Jeptha Batterson
Joseph Batterson
David Bosworth
Solomon Bosworth
David Briggs
Timothy Brigham
Erastus Brookins
John Brown
Samuel Campbell
Samuel Campbell, Jr.
John Chandler
Elijah Clark
Brazilla Cook
Adam Crans
Andrew Crans
Philip Crans
Wm. Crans
Amos Credit
Josiah Crocker
Elisha Decker
Jeremiah Decker
Polly Decker
Asahel Dutton
Abel Eaton
Dan Elwell
Nicholas Everson
Arthur Farlin
Joseph Farlin
Wm. Farlin
Nathaniel Flower
Zephon Flower
John Franklin
Stephen Fuller
William Gernert
Alpheus Gillett
Freeman Gillett
Alfred Granger
Elijah Granger
Asa Grant
Benj F. Greene
Harry Greene
Lodowick Greene
Samuel Greene
John Griffin
Abner Harkness
Alpheus Harris
Stephen Hopkins
Benoni Hulett
Thomas Huston
Parley Jennison
Peter Jennison
Twiss Jennison
J. A. Jacob Johnson
Stephen Johnson
Isaiah Jones
Elnathan Lewis
Erastus Loomis
Theodorus Loomis
Wright Loomis
Jacob Marsellius
Constant Matthewson
Elizabeth Matthewson
Robert McAlhoes
Samuel McAlhoes
Daniel McDuffee
Daniel McDuffee, Jr.
Hugh McDuffee
John McDuffee
Neil McDuffee
Samuel McKinney
William Mead
Eleazer Merrill
Eleazer Merrill, Jr.
Solomon Merrill
Elias Middaugh
Andrew Miller
Johnston Miller
William Miller
Daniel Moore
James Moore
John Moore
Isaac Morley
Isaac Morley, Jr.
Thomas Munce
David Murch
Abner Murray
Nehemiah Northrup
Daniel Orcutt
John Orcutt
Samuel Ovenshire
Clement Paine
David Paine
Enoch Paine
Daniel Park
Moses Park
John O. Prentice
James Rath
John Reddington
Levi Rice
M. Abisha Rice
William Roddy
Curtis Root
David Ross
Elizabeth Saltmarsh
John Saltmarsh
Daniel Satterlee
Elisha Satterlee
John F. Satterlee
Nathaniel Satterlee
John Shepard
John Shippey
Asahel Smith
Francis Snechenberger
Abraham Snell
Abraham Snell, Jr.
Jacob Snell
John Snell
Samuel Snell
Ozias Spring
Nathaniel Squires
Peter Squires
John Spalding, 2nd
Margaret Spalding
Chester Stephens
Ransom Stephens
Sibyl Stephens
John Swain
William Tharp
Julius Tozer
Absalom Travis
Francis Tyler
James VanAllen
Samuel Vangorder
William Vangorder
John Watkins
William Watkins
George Welles
Henry Welles
John Westbrook
Josiah White
Thomas Wilcox
Elijah Willoby
Samuel Wilson
Thomas Wilson

Jonathan Harris
Samuel Harris
Geo. Headlock
Edward Herrick
James Herrington
Samuel Hilman
Samuel Park
Thomas Park
Isaac Pierce
Asahel Porter
Nathaniel Porter
William Wisner
Elijah Wolcott
John Woclott
Silas Wolcott
Benj. Wynkoop

Wells

Including South Creek and Most of Ridgebery.

Isaac Baldwin
Vine Baldwin
James Bartlett
William Bartlett
Stephen Bates
Abisha Batterson
Samuel Bennett
Thomas Bentley
Noah Bevier
Joseph Boughton
Thomas Brunson
Elijah Calhoun
Benajah Campbell
Eunice Campbell
James Campbell
Joel Campbell
Jonathan Campbell
Nathan Campbel'
Silas Campbell
William Campbell
Joseph Castaline
Aaron Cook
Deliverance Cook
Jonathan Cook
Samuel Criss
John Cummings
James Dewey
Jesse Edsall
Samuel Edsall
Abial Fuller
Isaac Fuller
Lemuel Fuller
William Fuller
Lemuel Gaylord
Jeremiah Graves
Morris Hatfield
Richard Hatfield
Reuben Horton
George Hyde
Ithamer Judson
Solomon Judson
Jonathan Kent
Zepheniah Knapp
Peter Laffler
Levi Matterson
James Mitchell
Asa Moore
Jesse Moore
Joseph Moore
William Moore
Levi Osgood
Wm. Osgood
Griswold Owen
Joseph Parker
Joseph Parker, Jr.
Asa Pierce
Isaac Pierce
Israel Rickey
Israel Rickey, Jr.
Wm. Roberts
Geo. Rowley
Peter Rowley
Shubael Rowley
Alberson Ruliff
Bartlett Seely
Benj. Seely
Strong Seely
Francis Smith
Aaron Stiles
Enos Stiles
Job Stiles
Joseph Tice
Lebeus Tubs.

Smithfield.

David Allen
Samuel Allen
Thomas Barrows
John Bassett
Caleb L. Beals
David Beals
Jesse Beals
Joseph Beals
Reuben Beals
Darius Bullock
Ezra Califf
Stephen Califf
Thos. Chaddon
Thos. Coleman
Wm. Compton
Ephraim B. Gerould
Jabez Gerould
George Gerould
Ziba Gerould
Asa Hackett
Oliver Hays
Oliver Hays, Jr.
Chauncy Kellogg
Samuel Kellogg
Isaiah Kingsley
Sloan Kingsley
Anson Mitchell
Edward Mitchell
Reuben Mitchell
Israel Morse
Abiram Pierce
John L. Pierce
Phineas Pierce
John Randell
Stephen Randell
Dutee Rice
James Satterlee
Samuel Satterlee
Samuel Satterlee, Jr.
Asahel Scott
John Scott
William Scott
Alvin Stocking
Timothy Stratton
Mary Sumner

David Couch
David Couch, Jr.
Kinney DeWitt
James DeWolf
Asahel Dutton
Isaac Eames
Joshua Eames
Zepheniah Eames
Christopher Eldridge
Jabez Fletcher
Jonas Ford
Noah Ford
Solomon Morse
Solomon Morse, Jr.
Elias Needham
Elias Needham, Jr.
Francis Needham
Timothy Needham
Abner W. Ormsby
Levi Ormsby
Ebenezer Pease
Jared Phelps
Jared Phelps, Jr.
Ralph Phelps
David Titus
Stephen Titus
J. Olmstead Tracy
Nehemiah Tracy
Elijah D. Walker
Seth Ward
Addison Williams
Constant Williams
Moses Wood
Samuel Wood
Chas. Woodworth

Springfield

Including a Section of Troy.

Thos. Alexander
Israel Allen
Gaius Adams
Conklin Baker
John Barber
Joseph Barber
Solomon Barber
Thomas Barber
Thomas Barber, Jr.
David Bardswell
Seymour Batterson
Stephen Bliss
William Brace
Adin Brown
Samuel Campbell
Aaron Case
Solomon Cook
Isaac Cooley
Abel Eaton
William Eaton
William Evans
Elisha Fanning
Philo Fassett
Wm. Faulkner
Abel Fuller
Oliver Gates
William Gates
Elijah Gaylord
George Grace
Joseph Grace
Gurdon Grover
Joseph Grover
Abner Harkness
Alexander Harkness
Amos Harkness
Ebenezer Harkness
Jacob Harkness
James Harkness
James Harkness, Jr.
James Harkness, 2nd
James R. Harkness
John Harkness
William Harkness
Thaddeus Hastings
Amos Himes
Abel Leonard
Asaph U. Leonard
Ezekiel Leonard
Ezekiel Leonard, Jr.
Theodore Leonard
James Mattocks
Jacob Newell
John Nichols
James Otterson
Robert Otterson
John Parkhurst
Reuben Parmeter
Henry Parsons
Austin Pennock
Wilmot Peters
Charles Phillips
William Pierce
Luke Pitts
Thomas Porter
Samuel Rockwell
Ichabod Smith
Elihu Spear
Joshua Spear
Richard Sweet
Stephen A. Sweet
Amaziah Thayer
Joshua Thayer
Thomas Wheeler
Lemuel White
Nehemiah Wilson
Henry Wiltsey
Josephus Wing

Columbia

Including a Section of Troy.

Samuel Baldwin
David Ball
Samuel Ballard
Joseph Batterson
Joseph Beaman
Isaac Benson
James Benson
Stephen Jones
Charles Keyes
James Lamb
Levi Lamphere
Samuel Lamphere
Allen Lane
Allen Lane, Jr.
Comfort Peters
Simeon Powers
Rufus Pratt
Thomas Rexford
Philip Robbins
William Rose
Adam Seeley

Oliver Bensley
John Bixby
Peter Button
Oliver Canfield
James Chapin
Lorenzo Chapin
Samuel Chapin
Ami Collins
Robert Early
Richard Edsall
David Edsall
Judson Furman
Peter Furman
William Furman
Peter Gernert
Sheldon Gibbs
Wareham Gibbs
Elnathan Goodrich
David Hakes
Solomon Hakes
Solomon S. Hakes
Harvey Harris
David R. Haswell
Stephen Hitchcock
Asa Howe
Ebenezer Hullburt
Samuel Hullburt
Zacheus Hullburt
William Johnson
Asa Jones
Phineas Jones
Thomas Lewis
John Lilley
Joseph Lillibridge
Joseph Lillibridge, Jr.
Isaac Matson
James Matson
Shubal Maynard
Allen McArthur
Frederick McClelland
John McClelland
John W. McClelland
Calvin Merritt
Nathaniel Merritt
Reuben Merritt
William Merritt
Daniel Miller
Chapman Morgan
James Morgan
Nathaniel Morgan
Benoni Morse
Eleazer Mulford
Reuben Nash
David Palmer
David Palmer, Jr.
Eli Parsons
Eli Parsons, Jr.
James Parsons
Kellogg Parsons
Colburn Preston
Levi Preston
Benj. Seeley
Joseph Seeley
Silas Smith
Wm. Smith
Levi Soper, Jr.
Roger Soper
Solomon Soper
Thos. Spencer
Aaron Squires
Jabez Squires
Cyprian Stevens
John Stone
Oliver Stone
Burton Strait
Samuel Strait
Charles Taylor
Moses Taylor
Calvin Tinkham
David Watkins
Otis Watson
Wm. Webber
Wm. Webber, Jr.
John West
Isaac Wheeler
Moses Wheeler
John Wilber
Michael Wolf
Jabez Wood
Daniel Woodward
Thomas Wright

Gaius Adams, son of Seth Adams, a patriot of the Revolution, born Jany. 18, 1781 at Springfield, Mass. in 1808 emigrated with his brother-in-law, Isaac Cooley, to Springfield township, Bradford county. For two or three years these two families lived together and shared the hardships of a new country that were almost "famine to them." Maple sugar was the only source by which the wants of the family could be supplied in the spring. This Messrs. Adams and Cooley would "back" to Tioga Point and exchange for provisions and articles of comfort. "While the men were busy chopping a fallow, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Cooley were making sugar. Dinner time was nearing but what could be got? Mrs. Adams remarked, 'I will find something' and started for the house. A diligent search brought forth a couple of small bags of beans which had been laid away for seed and a pork bone stripped of the meat. A handful of beans was taken from each bag, the bone

broken and boiled with the beans to give them flavor. The bran was next sifted to get material for a cake. In due time the dinner was spread before the diligent workers and greatly relished, Mrs. Cooley remarking, 'how did you get up such a good dinner'." More than once Mr. Adams was required to roast pumpkins in log heaps, while clearing his land, to satisfy the demands of an empty stomach. He passed through all the trying experiences without murmur, cleared and improved a fine farm, lived a useful life and died, 1857, highly esteemed by the entire community. Mr. Adams married in Massachusetts, Cynthia, daughter of Bela Kent, a soldier of the Revolution. She was born Oct. 4, 1785, a woman of beautiful Christian life, died Oct. 20, 1862. The children of Gaius and Cynthia Adams, who married as follows, were *Henry Lewis* to Lucy Sherman of Springfield; *Joel* to Hannah Strange of Sullivan, Pa.; *James* to 1st, 1834, Malinda Potter, Troy, to 2nd, 1850, Eliza Mosher, Wells; *Bela K.* to 1st Mary Cooley, Springfield, to 2nd, Mrs. Louise (Cranmer) Wattles, Rome; *Margaret* never married; *Harriet* to Sidney Struble, Dundee, N. Y.; *Lucretia* to Ambrose Brown, Springfield; *Jere* to Maria Scott, Smithfield.

The patriot father, Seth Adams, came to Springfield after his son. He died Nov. 18, 1835 in Troy, aged 88 yrs, 8 mos and 23 ds; inhumed in Glenwood cemetery.

Jacob Newell emigrated from Vermont to Springfield township in 1810, settling the farm afterwards occupied by his son, Barnard. The latter died March 3, 1863 in his 70th year, survived by his wife, Olive. Rev. Calvin Newell, born Mch. 7, 1811, was the youngest son of Jacob Newell, who was a brother-in-law of Amaziah Thayer (p 96).

William Furman, according to family history, was a native of Holland, born in 1758. "In 1776 he immigrated to America, landing at New York. Soon after he enlisted in the American army in a New Jersey regiment. While with Washington's army on Long Island he was detailed as sergeant of a detachment to guard the property of Mr. Hallock, a wealthy Quaker. Hallock had a fine well and a guard was placed around it that it might not be polluted. While Sergeant Furman was on duty here, the Quaker's daughter, Abby, brought him a large gourd that he might dip water from the bucket to drink and fill the canteens. He at once fell in love with the Quaker maid and after his term of enlistment had expired, returned to the island and asked her hand in marriage. The stern old Quaker would not permit his daughter to wed a soldier. They eloped and were married in New York, first lived at Delhi, N. Y. afterwards going to Great Barrington, Mass. where they reared a family of eight children." In 1813

Mr. Furman removed with his family to Columbia township and was a man of prominence in local affairs, being several years a justice of the peace. He is described as a very handsome man. His death occurred in 1818. Mrs. Furman died, 1840, aged 92 years. "She never saw nor heard from any of her family after her marriage and always mourned for her friends." Both rest in Glenwood cemetery, Troy. Their children and marriages follow:

John married Betsy Bogart and was a prominent citizen of Columbia. They had 15 children, Peter S., Harriet (Mrs. Andrew Gernert), Eliza (Mrs. Uel Porter), Cornelius, James, William, Paul, Sally (Mrs. Barlow Gates), Elinus, Fanny, Juliette (Mrs. Chester Updyke), Charles, Mariette (Mrs James Kinnear), Betsy Ann (Mrs. Raymond Gernert) and Robert.

Elizabeth married Michael Wolf, was the mother of eleven children, died in Columbia township.

Peter married Diadama Holiday and spent his life farming in Columbia. Their children were Maria, John H., Jane (Mrs. Hiram Mason), Pamphelia (Mrs. Wm. B. Watkins), George, William, Hiram, Eurania (Mrs. Decanter Goodrich), Orrin, Volney, Howard, Alvin, Caroline (Mrs. Alanson Taylor) and Philander.

Polly married William Brace of Springfield.

Martha married John Porter of Columbia.

Sally married William Baker of Troy.

Abigail named for her mother, died unmarried.

Michael Wolf, a native of Connecticut and German parentage, emigrated to Columbia township, 1813, locating in what became widely known as the "Wolf settlement." Here he cleared and improved a large farm and died. He married, Elizabeth, daughter of William Furman. Their children were Abigail (Mrs. Robert Early), William, George, John, James, Michael, Martha (Mrs. Hosea Kennedy), Renselaer, Nelson, Horace and Maria (Mrs. Henry Gifford).

George married Leefe Kennedy and had children, Lydia (Mrs. Chas. W. Joralemon), Susan (Mrs. Oliver O. Besley), Hosea C., Rhoda (Mrs. Eugene Yeomans), John D. and Betsey (Mrs. Jefferson Warner).

James married Anna Mink and had children, William, Martha (Mrs. J. W. Harding), Charles, John, Kate, Thaddeus, Lottie (Mrs. J. W. Gustin), Horace L., Frank and Howard.

Renselaer married 1st Emma, daughter of Obadiah Brown and had a daughter, Alice (Mrs. Abram Joralemon); married 2nd Martha, daughter of James Fries and had sons, Jacob and James.

Nelson married Cecelia Edwards and had children, Sarah J. (Mrs. Dayton Shepard), DeWitt, Mattie (Mrs. Harry Chase) and Maranda; married 2nd Phebe Ferguson.

Horace married Huldah Haynes and had children, George H., Maria (Mrs. Lewis Hammond) and John H.

Joseph Wills located in what is now Troy village before 1812. He was a leading member of the Baptist church and a man of deep piety. He married 1st Abigail, daughter of Aaron Case and 2nd, after her death, his sister-in-law, Rachael, widow of Moses Case. He died, 1848, in Troy, aged 95 years.

John Mints came to Towanda township in 1812 and purchased the Alger property. He was a man of considerable enterprise. Soon after coming to the place he opened a house of entertainment and built a saw-mill. The mill was supplied with water brought through a race. Very frequently the stream was dry and the mill without motive power, whence the people called it the "dry saw-mill." Mr. Mints took an active part in politics and in 1815 was the candidate for sheriff on the "Merino ticket." He sold in 1819 to Reuben Hale and moved to Pike township. He had a son, Ezekiel B. Mints, who died, 1877 in Herrick.

Benjamin Bosworth, a hatter by occupation, came from Boston about 1814 and settled in Towanda township on the Willis Fisher place. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and served an enlistment of nine months in the company commanded by Captain King, Colonel Marshall's regiment of the Massachusetts line. In his affidavit of Sept. 11, 1820, asking the benefits of a pension, he sets forth that he is a hatter by occupation; that his family consists of himself, wife, Mary, aged 68 years, grandson, Peter B. West, aged 12 years and a granddaughter, Amy Bosworth, aged 14 years. Mr. Bosworth died Dec. 27, 1847 in his 94th year and was inhumed at Cole's. A daughter, Susannah, married Williston West and after his death John Haithorn.

Dr. Caleb W. Miles, a soldier of the Revolution, who had served three years in the company of Capt. Titus Watson under Col. Herman Swift of of the Connecticut line and was prostrated at the battle of Monmouth, came to Towanda about the year 1814. He first located on the road leading to Bowman's between Humphrey Goff's and Mr. Hale's. "He was a reliable man and counted a good physician for the time." William Means induced him to the village and built him a house on the Miller Fox lot. Here he and his wife, Rebecca, lived un-

til his death, May 24, 1834, aged 73 years. They had one son, George W. Miles, who became a watchmaker and for some years had a shop in Towanda. Both Dr. and Mrs. Miles were originally buried in the Means lot on Second street, their ashes having been removed to the Means plot in Oak Hill cemetery.

Cook—West—Amos Cook was a settler on Sugar Creek in Burlington before 1799. Elijah West from Freehold, N. Y. located near Towanda, evidently the Salisbury neighborhood, about 1805 and there died about 1809. His widow (Polly Salisbury) married Amos Cook who changed his location to Towanda Creek. After some years the two families removed to Crawford county, Pa. Emeline, daughter of Elijah West, married Henry, son of Joshua Wythe (I—244).

Lemuel Landrus came to Sugar Creek, North Towanda before 1812. He married Phebe, widow of John Smith and occupied the Smith place until 1819 when they sold to Abial Foster. Landrus afterwards lived in Sheshequin until 1837 when he went West. Of this family, *Samuel Landrus* married Mercy, daughter of Mrs. Phebe (Smith) Landrus; *Cynthia Landrus* married Aaron Post.

Seneca Simons came to North Towanda with the Rutty family. Here he grew to manhood and in 1815 married Nancy Wilcox. He reared a large family and finally emigrated to Illinois.

Amasa Withey, a gunsmith, located in North Towanda before 1812. He married Elisha Carpenter's widow and lived with her upon the Carpenter place until his death.

Jeduthan Withey came to upper Sugar Creek about 1805. He lived some years in Columbia, then removed to Canton township where he died in 1845. He was a soldier, War of 1812, and was popularly known as Major Withey. He left at his death a second wife, Mrs. Phebe (Thorne) Comfort, and children, Lemuel, Elias, Samuel and Roxy.

Shubal Maynard came as a settler to Troy township in 1813. That section was still a great wilderness infested with destructive wild beasts. The family suffered many privations and hardships. One spring provisions were very scarce and "the last parcel was at the mill. To appease intense hunger the straw ticks were emptied and the few remaining kernels found for a porridge. Potatoes were very rare, the eyes were cut out for seed and the balance used for food." Mr. Maynard cleared and improved a farm upon which he died in 1845, being survived by his wife, Polly, and children, Archibald, Katy (Mrs. Stoddard), Susan (Mrs. Geo. W. Shattuck), Lois, Abby Ann (Mrs. James McClelland), Olive (Mrs. Erastus Booth), Cyrus and Amos.

Hewitts—Gurdon Hewitt and his sons, Calvin, Dudley, Gurdon and Wheaton came to Monroe as lumbermen, 1812, and some years operated a saw-mill at Masontown. "Mr. Hewitt was a keen, stirring man and did quite an extensive business." He died in 1816 and the estate was settled by Gurdon, Jr. as administrator. The other sons went to Pine Creek and continued lumbering. Their sister, Eunice, was the first wife of Wm. Means, Jr.

Gurdon, Jr. married Celinda, daughter of Wm. Means and opened a store in Towanda, 1819. He served as county treasurer 1821-'22. In 1823 he removed to Owego, engaged in the mercantile business and in 1849 became a banker. He was remarkably successful and at his death in 1871 his estate was valued at over a million dollars. Frederick C. Hewitt, the millionaire and richest man in Tioga county, who died in 1908, was his youngest son.

While engaged in business in Towanda, Mr. Hewitt advertised in *The Settler* as follows: "NEW GOODS– Cheap! Cheap! Cheap! The subscriber having experienced a good run of business while there was some money in the country, is resolved, during the present scarcity of cash, to evince his gratitude to his customers and the public by doing business without a profit. The goods on hand together with a few packages of fresh goods to be opened next week, will undergo considerable reduction in price: Young Hyson tea, best, $1.00; coffee. $1.00; tobacco, good, 20c; factory shirting, from 13c to 15c; stripes and plaids, 20c to 25c; nails 12½c. Other articles in that proportion. Maple sugar and flax seed received in payment.

Towanda, Aug: 23, 1821. G. Hewitt."

Kingsley—John Kingsley came from England and lived at Dorset, Mass. from 1635-'48, afterwards at Rebbath and died June 6, 1677 at Taunton. He had a son John who married Sarah Sabin and lived at Windham. He died in 1732 leaving seven children. His son Amos married Ruth Adams of Canterbury, Conn. and in 1760 moved to Becket, Mass. where he died April 23, 1787, aged 90 years. Their children were Nathaniel, John, Joseph, Elijah, Alec, Abiah, Ruth, Amos and Isaiah. Isaiah married 1st Abigail Palmer and had nine children, married 2nd Sarah Palmer and had three children.

Isaiah Kingsley, son of Isaiah, born May 22, 1781 at Becket, Mass., came to Smithfield township, 1811 with his brother Sloan. He settled the Merritt Wood farm which he cleared and improved. He was an industrious pioneer and bore all his privations and hardships without murmur; died 1863. He married, April, 1807, Arthusia Fuller (b April 13, 1785). Their children and marriages follow: *Isaiah Adna*, b Sept. 10, 1803, married, Sept. 20, 1837, Ruth S. Brown, d March 21, 1889; *Ester* married, Jany. 1, 1832, John W. Miller; *Orrin P.* married,

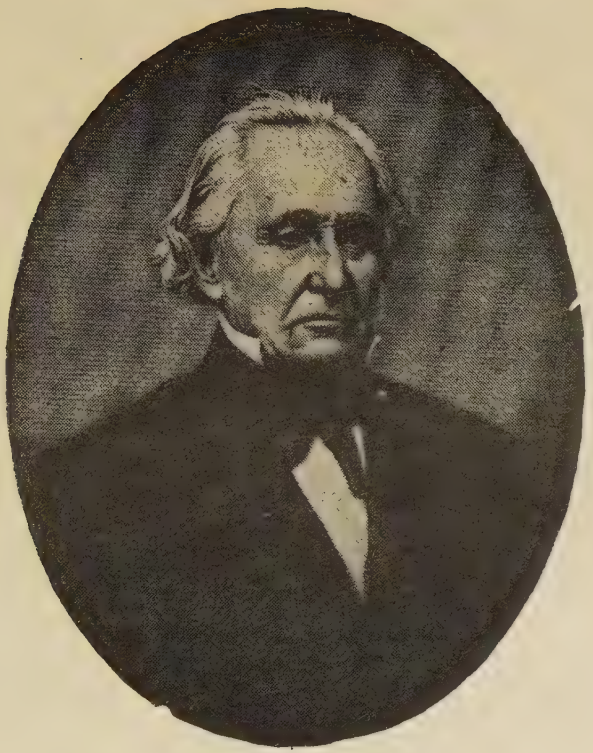
Nov. 24, 1839, Mary A. Farnsworth; *Abigail* married, May 27, 1841, Merritt Wood; *Sally* married, Jany. 6, 1848, Henry B. Brigham; *Annie* never married.

Sloan Kingsley, brother of Isaiah, who came from Becket to Smithfield with him, 1811, located on the Chester Cranmer place. Here he died, 1821, survived by his wife Almira I. and children, Harmon, Harriet and Rhoda (Mrs. David Ross).

Bela Kent, son of Dudley and Hannah (Granger) Kent, was born May 19, 1757 in Suffield, Conn. On the 13th of December, 1775, he enlisted under Capt. Ebenezer Huntingdon in the 22nd regiment, commanded by Samuel Willis of Connecticut. "He crossed the Delaware with Washington, was in the battle of Brandywine, wintered at Valley Forge and was at West Haven Island when the Americans evacuated New York city and the British crossed from Long Island and took possession. Having received no orders to retreat Mr. Kent's company was surrounded by the enemy. They cut their way through the British lines and after great exertion reached the American forces. Mr. Kent served six years, was promoted to corporal and in his closing days was granted a pension of $116 per year." Soon after the war he removed to Schenectady, N. Y., thence about 1815 to Springfield township, Bradford county. Here he continued to reside until his death, Dec. 16, 1834. His remains repose in the Grover cemetery. He had married Lucretia ——— and had children, Bela, Henry, Cynthia, Hannah and Margaret.

Bela died in young manhood.
Henry went West, died in Illinois, 1879.
Cynthia married Gaius Adams of Springfield.
Harriet married a Mr. Bedortha and lived near Springfield, Mass.
Margaret married Isaac Cooley of Springfield.

Hon. Edward Herrick, the 3rd Judge of Bradford county, was born October 26, 1787 at Amenia, Dutchess county, N. Y. The name is of English origin, the family in America being descendant from Henry Herrick who settled at Salem in 1629. Rufus Herrick, grandfather of Edward, held a captain's commission in the provincial army of New York and retired from the service with the rank of colonel. He was present at the assault on Ticonderoga. His son Samuel, who was the father of Edward, served as an orderly under him and at the close of his term of service retired to the ancestral estate at Amenia. Samuel Herrick married Margaret Per Lee, who was of Huguenot parentage.



Hon. Edward Herrick.

Of a family of ten children, Edward Herrick was the fifth son. In early life he was placed under the tuition of Rev. John Barnet, a noted clergyman residing in Dutchess county. After remaining several years under the tuition of Mr. Barnet, Dec. 6, 1804, he entered as a student at law, the office of his cousin, Gen. John Brush at Poughkeepsie. Here he remained till June, 1806, when he started for the state of Ohio. On his way thither he paid a visit to his brother, Walter Herrick, who was engaged in mercantile pursuits at "Tioga Point," this county. Going to Zanesville, Ohio, he entered the law office of his brother, Samuel Herrick, where he pursued his studies for a year, thence proceeded to Chillicothe. Here he continued his legal studies until admitted to the bar from the office of his cousin, Henry Brush, Esq., Aug. 8, 1808, being then some months under age. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in Newark, in the county of Licking, and rode the circuit of the

counties of Muskingum, Guernsey, Licking, Knox and Tuscarawas. In 1810 he was appointed district attorney for the three last named counties.

In 1812, on his return to Ohio, after a short sojourn in Athens, the war with England having broken out, Mr Herrick was commissioned colonel of a militia regiment, and in the same year was elected to the Ohio legislature from the county of Licking, while still under the age required by law to qualify him for the office. In December, 1812, he took his seat and soon after signalized his advent to the place by introducing a resolution, which proposed to organize the legislative body into a battalion for home defense. The resolution failing, he remained in his seat until the adjournment of the legislature and then became engaged in the occupations incident to his military office. In 1813 the northern border of Ohio was the field of active military operations. Mackinaw had been taken, Hull had surrendered at Detroit and the whole peninsula of Michigan was under the enemy's control. The frontier settlements of Ohio were harrassed by English and Indian allies, and the defeat of General Winchester had spread consternation throughout the state. The excitement incident to these events determined the people to their own defense, and inspired the militia organizations in which Colonel Herrick took part. The seriousness of the situation had prompted his action in the legislature. But the magnitude of the danger brought to the defense of the state the regular troops, and the battle of Lake Erie finally restored the arms and authority of the government.

In the summer of 1813 Colonel Herrick returned to Pennsylvania and took up his residence in Athens. Here he resumed the active practice of the law in Bradford and the adjoining counties. The court records show that he was admitted to practice in the several courts of Bradford county, Aug. 17, 1813. In July, 1814, Colonel Herrick was appointed brigade inspector by Governor Snyder of the counties of Bradford, Lycoming, Potter, McKean and Tioga. July 6, 1818, he was commissioned president judge of the 13th judicial district or circuit comprising the counties of Bradford, Susquehanna and Tioga by Gov. William Findlay. He continued on the bench until Feb. 27, 1839, when he was succeeded by Hon. John N. Conyngham. In 1836, among the various public duties that had been imposed upon him, Judge Herrick was appointed by President Jackson a member of the board of visitors to the West Point military academy. Taking an active interest in public improvements, he was a delegate in 1825 to the canal convention at Harrisburg and strongly advocated the construction of the North Branch canal. The townships of Herrick in Bradford and Susquehanna counties were named in honor of Judge Herrick during his occupancy of the bench. The retirement of Judge Herrick from the bench closed his active professional life; from that period down to his death, which took place March 7, 1873, he remained in comparative retirement from public life. "Judge Herrick accumulated a handsome fortune by the prudent management of his affairs. His life was an example of probity and prudence, of well-appointed talents usefully exerted and fitly rewarded in every station he had been called to fill. In person he was above the ordinary stature, graceful in carriage, and in his latter days, as in his youth, a model of comeliness and dignity. His bearing bore always traces of that peculiar discipline to mind and manners which comes of a temperate habit and the exertion of an intelligent will, animated by an earnest principle and a benevolent and conscientious spirit. Of him, with all his wordly honors, his spotless life and manly virtues, his talents of head and heart, it may be said, as justly as it was ever said of mortal man—'He bore without abuse the grand old name of gentleman'."

Judge Herrick married 1st, Nov. 5, 1810, Celestia, daughter of Dr. Stephen Hopkins and had children, Castle H., Edward C., Helen Eliza; married 2nd, Rebecca, daughter of Andrew Ross of Washington, D. C. and had children Andrew R., Edmond P. and Robert R.; married 3rd, Eliza H., daughter of Judge Foote of Cooperstown, N. Y. Children married as follows: *Castle Hopkins*, b Dec. 10, 1811, m March 2, 1832, Rachel M., daughter of Samuel Herrick, d Sept. 22, 1865; *Edward Curran*, b June 22, 1814, m Eliza Tyler; *Helen Eliza*, b May 19, 1818, m Chauncey N. Shipman; *Andrew Ross*, b Aug. 4, 1833, died Oct. 21, 1852, unmarried; *Edmond Per*, b Aug. 20, 1834, occupies the homestead, unmarried; *Robert Rose*, b June 8, 1839, died Feby. 12, 1860, unmarried.

Samuel D. Goff, a Revolutionary soldier, came from Connecticut to Standing Stone in 1813. Here he lived until his death, 1823. Of his children, *Sally* married Sylvester Barns and died in Rome; *Thankful* married Albegence Stevens, who, after the death of his first wife married her sister, *Laura; Mary* married John Terwilliger; *Anson* went West and died there; *Lewis*, b March 19, 1805, died in Rome, 1897; married Charlotte M. Taylor and had children, Lorenzo Solon, Theodore and Edmond Frank.

Samuel Conant, a clothier by occupation, came to Troy in 1813. He purchased of Adrial Hebard and was associated with him in the fulling-mill below Long's mills. The following appeared in *The Settler:*

"The valuable fulling-mill and carding machine, situate in Troy township and owned by Samuel Conant & Co. were consumed by fire on the morning of March 21, 1822." Another mill was built on about the same site in 1840 by Clement Paine. This was also destroyed by fire in November, 1875.

Mr. Conant disposed of his interests in Troy, 1841.

Amos Himes located in "Himes Hollow," Troy township in or before 1813. Here he cleared and improved land until his death, 1843. Of his children, *Charles*; *Lydia* married Cyrus Holcomb of LeRoy; *Tyrus* married Emeline Holcomb of LeRoy, removed to Illinois, 1845, and finally to Washington where he died, 1879.

Reuben Nash settled in Columbia township, 1813, having purchased the improvements of Moses Taylor. He was a prominent and successful pioneer. In 1818, he was appointed the first postmaster for Sylvania, previous to which, Athens was the nearest point of postal communication. His death occurred January 18, 1842, his wife Harriet and these children surviving, Reuben, James, Abigail (Mrs. Abraham Moore), Marietta (Mrs. Silas Smith), Harriet (Mrs. Allen Taylor 2nd) and Helen.

David Forrest was born June 24, 1754 at Houghton, Windham county, Vt. In March, 1777 he enlisted as a private in the regiment commanded by Col. Wm. Shepard of the Massachusetts line and served three years, when he was discharged at West Point. After his discharge

he was orderly sergeant of an Independent military company at Houghton. In February, 1814, he removed from Vermont to Smithfield township, settling on the Fosburg farm. "When he came to Smithfield he had quite an amount of money for those times. He was not only patriotic in the service of his country but was equally zealous in his Master's cause. He was a consistent member of the M. E. church and an exhorter. Nothing would please him better than to mingle his voice in praise and thanksgiving to his Master. In his old age he would go from Smithfield to Burlington on foot, a distance of 16 miles, to attend quarterly meeting." Mr. Forrest married Abigail, daughter of Solomon and Jemima Morse (p 26) who removed from Vermont to Smithfield in 1801. Their children were David, Experience, Oliver, Daniel, Esther, Darius, Abigail, Susanna, Azubah, Asa, Ira and Solomon. The patriot father who was given a pension for the services rendered his country, died July 2, 1835, aged 81 years. His wife died in 1837, aged 82 years. Their remains repose in Union cemetery, Smithfield. They left a large posterity, who were infused with patriotism, seven out of one family having served in the Civil War.

John Cummins came to Ridgebery, 1813, from Hartford, Washington county, N. Y. His wife was a sister of James Covell. He sold to Abiram Pierce, 1845 and died with his son John in the 50's.

Calvin West came with John Cummins to Ridgebery, 1813. He engaged in lumbering and milling and was very successful. He served as captain of militia and was popularly known as Captain West. About 1870 he sold out and removed to Wisconsin.

Jonathan Kent, who had married a daughter of Roswell Goff, came from Chemung to Ridgebery, 1813. He settled where the village of Bentley Creek now is. After several years he sold and removed to Big Flats, N. Y.

James Covell, who had served as a captain in the War of 1812, came to Ridgebery, 1816, from Hartford, Washington county, N. Y. He purchased the possession of Silas Campbell, cleared and improved a fine farm. He experienced many hardships. In 1816, "the year without a summer," he paid $13 for a barrel of rye flour at Tioga Point. He died upon the homestead, 1864, aged 83 years, his wife Hannah and these children surviving, William, Polly (Mrs. James Otterson), James, Sally (Mrs. Rinaldo Chamberlain), Nancy (Mrs. John W. Brown) and Calvin T. Another daughter had married Calvin West.

Thomas Pemberton, a native of London, England, emigrated from Connecticut to Springfield township with his family, 1808. He

located near the Center but was not a permanent resident. He had a family of 10 children, Thomas, Norton, Henrietta, Polly, Richard, Gabriel R., Henry, Elizabeth, Ardon K. and Isabel.

William Evans, a native of New Hampshire, came to Springfield township with his father-in-law, Maj. John Parkhurst, 1813. Here he lived until middle life then removed to Lawrenceville, Pa., where he died, 1846. By his wife Sarah he had children, Sarah Maria (Mrs. Reuben P. Brown), Allison H., Martha Rosetta (Mrs. Thos. J. Lake), William M. and Curtis P.

Joseph Webster came from Tolland county, Conn. to Windham, 1813. He purchased of the Smiths and engaged somewhat extensively in lumbering. In 1820 he was appointed a justice of the peace and served until his death, August, 1830. He had been induced to the locality by his brother-in-law, Parley Johnson (p 179). Surviving at his demise were his wife Achsah and children, Joseph B., George W., Washington, Almira Ann (Mrs. John L. Howell), Anna M. (Mrs. George Smith), Angeline and Achsah. His widow married, 1832, Nathan Doane,

Elisha Whitney, a native of Spencer, Mass., born 1747, served as a private in Col. Jonathan Warner's regiment on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775, and also in Capt. Joel Green's company under Col. Ebenezer Larned, serving 3 months and 3 days. He married, 1782, Esther, daughter of Asa Clark, a Massachusetts school teacher. Mrs. Whitney (then Miss Clark) was present with Gen. Joseph Warren's wife when she learned the sad fate of that gallant officer at Bunker Hill. Soon after their marriage they removed to Stockbridge, Mass. where they lived until 1810 then emigrated to the Wyoming Valley. In 1816 Mr. Whitney came to Wysox with his family and here resided until his death, July 4, 1832, aged 85 years. His wife died February 1, 1851, aged 88 years. Both are buried in the Wysox cemetery. They had ten children, all born at Stockbridge, as follows:

Rebecca died in Wysox unmarried.

Dr. Asa Clark, who was a physician of great ability, was the first resident physician of Kingston. In 1810 he was commissioned a justice of the peace for Burlington and Wysox, and in 1820 was elected register and recorder of Luzerne county. He married first a daughter of Col. Benj. Dorrance and had children, Benjamin, Mary and Nancy; married 2nd Susan Inman and had daughters, Elizabeth and Jerusha.

Elizabeth married Joseph M. Piollet (p 96) and was the mother of Victor E., Joseph E., Frances T. (Mrs. Alexander Dewing),

Emily V. (Mrs. Thos. T. Wierman) and Elizabeth J. (Mrs. D. C. Salisbury).

Sally died Dec. 3, 1812, unmarried.

Elliott, b 1791, came to Wysox in or before 1812 and engaged in farming and lumbering; he married, 1817, Maria Goodwin; died March 12, 1836, aged 45. Their children and marriages follow: *Marshall G.* to Louise Vorpe; *Elizabeth* to Dr. David L. Scott; *Charlotte* to Rev. Abner Brush; *Elliott* to Celinda Stevens; *Isaac N.* to Mary Worden; *Brunette* to James B. McDonald

Alvin, b Dec. 31, 1793, engaged in farming and lumbering in Wysox, died Nov. 5, 1872; married 1st, Feby. 11, 1819, Mary Woodburn, married 2nd, March 10, 1850, Nancy Woodburn. Children (all by former marriage) and marriages follow: *Asa Clark* never married; *Sarah* died at 12 years; *Ellen* never married; *Andrew Jackson* to Olive A. Maynard; *Mary H.* never married; *Charles Carroll* to Margaret Vought; *Allen Dorrance* never married; *Emily V.* to Dr. Wm. Rice.

Ebenezer, b Dec. 15, 1795, married Nov. 25, 1818 Betsey Woodburn, died April 16, 1838 in Wysox. Their children and marriages: *Rebecca* died at 20 unmarried; *John* to Helen Stow; *Bertrand* to Mary Brown; *Frances* to Burke Bennett; *Septimus* died unmarried; *Alvin* to Hattie Furman; *Amelia* and *Nancy* died unmarried; *Lucius E.* to Mary Cooley.

Dr. Elisha, b July 25, 1797, a graduate of Hamilton medical college, practiced at Wyalusing; it is said his library was the largest in the county; he married Sally, daughter of Humphrey and Hannah (Dodge) Brown; died Jany. 10, 1847. Their children and marriages: *Ellen* to Daniel Coolbaugh, Wysox; *James Monroe* to Mrs. Edith Fawkes Woodfield of Stroud, Eng.; *Darwin* to Laura Bixby of Winnebago, Ill.; *Sallie* to Lyman Morgan, Wysox; *Elisha* to Cornelia Rugg, Sylvaria; *Esther* to Harrison Lamb, Wyalusing; *Mary Elizabeth* to Jesse Allen, Wysox; *Ebenezer* to Adaline Blasdell, Montrose; *Joseph Marie* to Priscilla Anne Straw of Winnebago, Ill.

Esther, b Dec. 23, 1799, married Moses, son of Napthali Woodburn; died among her children in Iowa.

Alanson, b July 1, 1801, married Laura Towner and spent his last years at Monroeton. Their children and marriages: *Electa* died at 18; *Franklin*; *Emeline* to Henri Chubbuck; *Clara* to 1st Mr. Mingos, to 2nd Mr. Griggs.

John Horton, son of Lieut. John Horton and Mary De la Montanye, was born Jany. 25, 1788 in Wyoming, Pa. He married Sarah Wickizer of Wyoming and removed with his family to Bradford county, 1814, settling on Wysox creek, Rome township. He purchased a

timber tract of about 300 acres, which he cleared up and improved. He built a saw-mill on the creek near his residence and for a number of years also engaged in lumbering. He died Dec. 10, 1852, and his wife, April 6, 1863, aged 75 years; both inhumed in the Wysox cemetery. They had seven children as follows:

Mary, b Nov. 23, 1810, married Wm. Trout, d Sept. 24, 1864.

Rosina, b Nov. 25, 1813, died unmarried.

Sarah Ann, b Oct. 8, 1816, married Jarvis Buttles of Orwell, d Aug. 7, 1881.

John, b Mch. 11, 1819, married Sarah Wickizer; children, Byron R., Lemuel and Ira. Mr. Horton was a soldier of the Civil War as were his sons, Byron and Lemuel; died in Michigan.

Josiah, b Feby. 16, 1823, married Mary Lung and occupied the homestead; children, Emma (Mrs. G. H. Horton), Reese A. and Dayton.

Miami, b 1825, married Douglass Walker.

Emily, b 1827, married John Jason Vanness, d May 3, 1867.

Jonathan Thompson came to the Ulster neighborhood before 1812. He enlisted and served in the War of 1812. In 1820 he settled at Hornbrook where he continued to reside until his death in the 50's. His wife Mary died, 1838. *Samuel Thompson*, a brother, also resided at Hornbrook, some years. He finally removed to Franklin township and died there.

Freeman Gillett, a mechanic of superior skill, came to Sheshequin in 1813. A number of substantial buildings built by him are yet standing. Mr. Gillett spent his last days with a daughter in Springfield township.

Jabez Sill, born March 6, 1763 at Lyme, Conn. was a son of Jabez and Elizabeth (Noyes) Sill. His paternal ancestor, John Sill, came from Lyme, England to Cambridge, Mass. in 1637. John had a son, Capt. Jabez Sill, who had sons Andrew, Thomas, Joseph and Zachariah. Joseph Sill, Jr. married Phœbe Lord and had 12 children, of whom Jabez and Richard, born Aug. 4, 1722, were twins. Jabez married Elizabeth Noyes and removed to the Wyoming Valley, being one of the five families who were settled at Wilkes-Barre in 1772. His children were Elizabeth (married Col. Nathan Denison—this being the first marriage in Wyoming), Mary (Mrs. James Gould), Naomi (wife of Capt. John P. Schotts), Esther (Mrs. Jonathan Fitch), Shadrach, Dr. Elisha N., Jabez, Moses, Amasa and Sarah (died in childhood). Shadrach and Elisha were members of Capt. Durkee's company in the Revolutionary war.

Jabez, only a lad, was at the battle of Wyoming and stood sentry at the fort during the battle. He afterwards joined Capt. John Franklin's company and served until the close of the war. In 1816 he removed to Bradford county, settling at Macedonia, where he continued to reside until his death, July 29, 1838. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Haight by whom he had one son, William. He married for his second wife Mary Osborn and had children, Sedley, Daniel, Jabez, Joseph and Lydia.

William married Catharine Sims and settled in Herrick township; children, George, Charles, Lydia (Mrs. Marcina Patch), Eliza (Mrs. Francis Viall), Edwin, Phœbe Ann (Mrs. Edwin Keeler), Joseph and Butler.

Sedley married 1st Abigail M. Barber, 2nd Mrs. Jane Clark; settled at Dansville, N. Y.

Daniel married Harriet Hungerford and removed to Maysville, Cal.

Jabez was thrice married; lived at Dansville and Lockport, N. Y.

Joseph married Ellen Coolbaugh and lived in Macedonia; children, Miles, Charles Morris, Hannah, Emily, Ann and Mary.

Lydia married William Cook of Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Ozias Spring came from Connecticut to Milltown, 1808, succeeding Dr. Prentice as a practicing physician. He also taught school a long time in connection with his practice. He was an active Baptist, licensed to preach, 1820 and ordained, 1827. He however did not preach long, continuing the practice of medicine until his death, March 21, 1860, aged 76 years. He married, 1809, widow Olive Grant, sister of John Shepard. She died July 20, 1850, aged 83 years. Of their children: *Orrin B.*, b Jany. 18, 1810, d Jany. 3, 1893, married 1st Henrietta Ferguson, 2nd Emma A. Stevens, no children by either wife; *Pamelia D.*, b Nov. 15, 1811, d 1906, unmarried; *Emily E.*, b 1813, d 1896, married Cornelius Cuyler of Aurora, N. Y., and had a daughter Emily.

Dr. Thomas Thomson Huston, son of Capt. Thomas Huston, a zealous patriot of the Revolution, and Jenette Walker (parents both Scotch-Irish Presbyterians), was born at Carlisle, Pa. Having prepared for the medical profession, in 1812, he came to Athens, married Eliza, daughter of Dr. Stephen Hopkins and began practice, continuing until 1824 when he removed to the West Branch but returned to Athens in 1832. He opened a drug store, was a drover and several years a justice of the peace. "His reputation as a physician and surgeon gave him a good practice but much of it was among the poor, whom he served as long as he could go; and he was careless in collecting, so that

he never gained property. Dr. Tom, as he was familiarly called, was long, loose and lank, a veritable Scot, with a kindly eye and a fund of ready Irish wit." He held a high position in the Masonic order. Originally a Federalist, he joined in the Jackson movement and thenceforth was an uncompromising Democrat. He died May 2, 1865 in Athens, aged 73 and his wife, July 17, 1856, aged 62 years. They reared four daughters (Sallie W., Rebecca I. and two others) and one son, *Charles Thomas*, who read law, but engaged in newspaper work in Bradford and Lycoming county.

Thomas H. White—The Whites owned large tracts of land in Athens, Columbia, Sheshequin and other towns. About 1812 Thomas H. White established headquarters at Ulster for the sale of these lands. After a few years he returned to Philadelphia and engaged in the mercantile business.

Califf—The first of the family to settle in this country was *Robert Calef*, born in England, 1648, came with his wife Mary and children to Boston about 1687 and died April 13, 1719 at Roxbury, Mass. He was a man of courage and talent and was the author of "*More Wonders of the Invisible World*," a book which had much to do with the overthrow of the witchcraft delusion. He had four sons and two daughters. Stephen Calef, a descendant of Robert, was born March 15, 1734 in Boston, Mass. He married, 1755, Anna Stearns of Waltham and had children, Anna (Mrs. Samuel Wood), Stephen, Ezra, Abigail (Mrs. Samuel Farwell), Lois (Mrs. Jonathan Allen), Lovira (Mrs. Joseph Darby) and Eunice. He served as a minuteman from Westminster during the Revolutionary war.

Stephen Califf (Calef), son of Stephen and Anna (Stearns) Calef, was born March 14, 1767 at Westminster, Mass. When a young man he went to Halifax, Vt., where, August 9, 1787, he married Ruth, daughter of David and Experience (Streeter) Allen. He settled in the wilderness near Green river where he cleared and improved a farm and reared a large family. In 1814, tiring of the struggle among the rocks and stones and scanty income from a cold and sterile soil, he sold his farm that he might better his condition by going west and joining his two eldest sons already settled in Smithfield, Bradford county. Accordingly on the 4th of October, with his goods and effects, loaded on a huge wagon drawn by four oxen, the family, 13 in all, in a two-horse wagon and driving two cows to afford milk for their use, farewell was bid to the old home and the journey commenced. After a stop of three days in Owego, N. Y. Smithfield was reached on the 24th. Mr. Califf purchased 190 acres of the Thorp tract, 2 miles east of East Smithfield

and in 1815 began life over again in the wilderness. In common with the other pioneers he experienced many dangers and hardships. "One night a large bear entered his sheep pen near the house, seized a choice mutton and lugged it off." After clearing and improving 130 acres of his farm, feeling the weight of years, in 1839 Mr. Califf sold and removed to Smithfield Center, where he died April 10, 1842. His wife, b Aug. 15, 1770, died Aug. 13, 1847; both buried in Union cemetery, Smithfield. Their children were all born at Halifax, Vt. "The family has been quiet, peace-loving, industrious, temperate. There have been three ordained ministers among the grandchildren and one lawyer. Several of the grandsons served with distinction in the Civil War, one being killed at Vicksburg." Children and marriages follow:

Stephen, b April 28, 1788, in 1813 with his brother Ezra, their all in knapsacks upon their backs, came on foot to Smithfield where after prospecting, each purchased 120 acres of land on Bucks creek. Here in company with their brothers, Jonathan and Hosea, 1822, they built a saw-mill and grist-mill. Stephen took an active part in military affairs and served as lieutenant before leaving Vermont. He married, Aug. 18, 1816, Matilda Perkins (b June 24, 1801 at Goshen, Conn.); died April 28, 1874 in Smithfield.

Ezra, b May 9, 1790, came to Smithfield with his brother, Stephen, 1813; married Samantha, daughter of Reuben Mitchell (I—245); removed to Illinois, 1836 and died there, 1844.

Ruth, b May 31, 1792, married Martin Hurlbut; died July 8, 1857 in Smithfield.

Jonathan, b May 2, 1794, married 1st Polly Chamberlain, 2nd Cynthia Orton; served as Captain of Independent company of militia; died March 22, 1871 in Smithfield.

Joel, b Oct. 10, 1796; married Jane Salisbury; removed to Illinois, 1844 and died there, 1860.

Lois, b Dec. 12, 1798, married Oct. 22, 1826, Eleazer King; died May 28, 1865 in Smithfield.

Hosea, b Aug. 4, 1801; married Oct. 6, 1831, Mary Pierce; died Feby. 12, 1881 in Smithfield.

Samuel, b April 25, 1803; died in Smithfield, Dec. 7, 1829, unmarried.

Enos, b June 13, 1807, married, April 30, 1837, Luzina Bird; was a carpenter and millwright; several years major of militia; died Nov. 13, 1898 in Springfield.

Anna, b March 22, 1809, married Billings Pierce; died June 10, 1888 in Elmira, N. Y.

Rufus, b Oct. 14, 1810, married, Feby. 24, 1832, Phebe Lockwood Thomas; died April 16, 1888 in Smithfield.

Allen, b Aug. 17, 1812, married Hannah Arnold Thomas; died Jany. 4, 1888 in Smithfield.

Samuel Severance, a native of Massachusetts, removed from Shelburne to Bradford county, settling at Springfield in 1815. "At the age of 18 years he entered the American army as a cook for General Washington and served in that capacity till 1781, when he enlisted to serve in the ranks, taking place of his father who had been called upon." His record of service is contained in his affidavit of Dec. 12, 1820 asking for the benefits of a pension as follows: "That he the said Samuel Severance upon his oath doth declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as a private soldier, enlisting March 21, 1781 in a company commanded by Capt. Francis Green in the regiment of Col. Joseph Vose of the Massachusetts line and continued to serve in said regiment until the 8th of June, 1783 when he was discharged; that his family consists of himself and wife, aged 58 years, both enjoying a tolerable degree of health." Mr. Severance married Azuba Smith. Their children and marriages follow: *Sarah* to David Phinney; *Mary* to Oliver Gates; *Patience* to John Harkness; *Clarissa* to Almon Berry; *Samuel*. The patriot father died, 1835; inhumed in Grover cemetery, Springfield.

War of 1812.—In 1812 when war was declared against Great Britain, more than a hundred men, who had fought for Independence were still living within the borders of Bradford county. Had they forgot their hardships and sufferings in the late war? The old fighting spirit was aroused and the patriots of '76 were anxious to have another crack at "the tarnal red coats." The old flint-locks were put in order; military companies were formed and specially drilled; even little boys caught the military ardor, had their companies and drilled and drummed with as much satisfaction as their big brothers. Some of the veterans donned their old continentals and went to the front, others sent their sons, thus many from the county were early in the conflict.

Up to 1814 no regular military organization had been sent out from Bradford county. In May of that year, Julius Tozer of Athens, who had served three years in the Revolutionary war, raised a company in the northern part of the county and southern New York and was assigned to Swift's and Dobbins' regiment of New York Volunteers. Captain Tozer and his men were soon in active service and he severely wounded in the engagement at Fort Erie. After the British had burned the capitol at Washington in August 1814, Governor Snyder of Pennsylvania evidently apprehensive of the dangers from the enemy

and feeling the need of more troops for the defense of the state, on October 15th, issued an order calling the militia into service. Most of the Bradford county militia were taken from the 144th regiment, formed into a company and placed under the command of Eliphalet Mason of Monroe and was known as Mason's company. Let it be remembered that this was before the day of railroads, the telegraph and when only a small section of the county had even a weekly mail service. Yet in two weeks' time the Bradford county militiamen, scattered throughout a great wilderness, assembled at the mouth of Towanda creek and on a raft pushed down the river. They reached Danville on the 5th of November and there rendezvoused until the 25th, when all danger being over they were discharged. For their services of 28 days each private received the magnificent sum of $1.87, or 6½ cents per day. The following comprised Mason's company:

Lieutenant, Eliphalet Mason, Monroe
1st Sergeant, Henry L. Merrill, Warren
2nd Sergeant, David Carter, Monroe
3rd Sergeant, Albegence Stevens, Standing Stone
4th Sergeant, Benjamin Landon, Canton
1st Corporal, William Goff, Towanda
2nd Corporal, Benjamin Stone, Franklin
3rd Corporal, Nathan Streator, Orwell
4th Corporal, Ethan Baldwin, Towanda
Drummer, Isaac Wheeler, Asylum
Fifer, Joseph S. Browning, Orwell

Privates:

James Arnold, Warren
Benjamin Bennett, Asylum
George Brown, LeRoy
David Benjamin, Asylum
Wm. Buffington, Wysox
Joseph Beebe, Susquehanna County
David Bailey, Granville
John W. Bingham, Towanda
Ezra Bailey, Granville
Amasa Bowen, Warren
James Brink, Pike
John Birney, Standing Stone
Stephen Beeman, Tuscarora
Darius Brainard, Windham
Wm. Bradshaw, Pike
Thomas Brink, Pike
Samuel Cole, Asylum
Stephen Cranmer, Rome
Elijah Coleman, Pike
Thomas Cox, Towanda
Aaron Carter, Monroe
Daniel Hill, Orwell
Harry Ingraham, Canton
Charles W. Keeler, Pike
Amasa Kellogg, Monroe
Horatio Ladd, Albany
Warner Ladd, Albany
Lemuel Landrus, Towanda
Samuel Landrus, Towanda
Abraham Lent, Rome
James Lent, Rome
Joseph Lent, Wysox
Daniel Miller, Albany
Edward Mills, Towanda
Samuel Pickett, Rush
Abel Prince, Warren
Joseph Prince, Warren
John Quick, Asylum
Samuel Rockwell, Canton
Elam Roberts, Orwell
Irvine Rogers, Canton
John D. Saunders, Monroe

Absalom Carr, Monroe
Penual Corbin, Warren
Wilson Canfield, Pike
Albert Camp, Rush
George Davidson, Towanda
Daniel Drake, Wysox
Ebenezer Drake, Wysox
Seth Doane, Windham
John L. Elliott, Rome
Edmund Fairchild, Pike
Abraham Foster, Towanda
Elisha Foster, Towanda
John Foster, Towanda.
Oliver Gilbert, Asylum
Amos Goff, Towanda
Humphrey Goff, Towanda
Daniel Gilbert, Towanda
Samuel Griffin, Canton
David Green
John Head, Monroe
David Horton, Sheshequin
Jesse Hancock, Pike
Frederick Schrader, Monroe
John Scouten
Stephen D. Sellard, Canton
Darius Shumway, Tuscarora
John Simkinson, Towanda
Isaac Smith, Towanda
Horace Spalding, Canton
John Stalford, Wyalusing
Philemon Stone, Wyalusing
Rathael Stone, Wyalusing
Amasa Streator, Wysox
Amos Strickland, Canton
Ebenezer Terry, Asylum
Thomas Updegraff, Wyalusing
Achatias Vought, Rome
David Vought, Asylum
John D Wage, Orwell
Cyrus Wells, Wyalusing
Freeman Wilcox, Albany
Rowland Wilcox, Albany
Amos York, Wysox

It will be observed that this list includes some who had fought for Independence, a large number of sons of soldiers of the Revolution and many, afterwards distinguished in the history of the county, being the fathers and grandfathers of scores of men who fought for the preservation of the Union. But early and during the war these Bradford county young men entered the service:

Hezekiah Avery, Troy
Solomon Bardwell, Wysox
Churchill Barnes, Troy
Isaac Benson, Columbia
John Benson, Jr., Columbia
Josiah Bosworth, Pike
Daniel Brewster, Wyalusing
John Brown, Athens
Thomas Case, Troy
Eliphalet Clark, Standing Stone
William Clark. Burlington
Elisha Cogswell, Tuscarora
Jonathan F. Conkling, Athens
William Curry, Ulster
William Curry, Jr., Ulster
Daniel Dobbins, Burlington
Joshua Eames, Smithfield
Jesse Edsall, Wells
Richard Edsall, Wells
John Elliott, Wyalusing
Erastus French, Franklin
James Mattocks, Springfield
Hieronymus McClelland, Columbia
James McKean, Burlington
Peter Miller, Standing Stone
Walter S. Minthorn, Burlington
William Osgood, Wells
Jared Phelps, Jr., Smithfield
Benjamin Pierce, Pike
Phineas Pierce, Jr., Smithfield
Colburn Preston, Troy
William Rippeth, Wysox
Shubal Rowlee, Jr., Wells
Dr. Robert Russell, Ulster
Henry Salisbury, Monroe
Samuel Satterlee, Smithfield
Levi Soper, Burlington
Burton Strait, Columbia
Solomon Talady, Wysox
Jonathan Tompkins, Ulster
Gersham Towner, Rome
Guy Tozer, Athens

James French, Franklin
Wm. B. French, Franklin
Abial Fuller, Ridgebery
Isaac Fuller, Ridgebery
Nathaniel Fuller, Sheshequin
Timothy H. Gustin, Burlington
Chester Hill, Orwell
Frederick Kissell, Overton
Zephaniah Lane, Burlington
Alexander Lefevre, Wyalusing
Ephraim Marsh, Wyalusing
Samuel Tozer, Athens
Wm. Vangorder, Athens
Wm. Vaughan, Standing Stone
Reuben Wilber, Troy
Chester Williams, Troy
Aldrich Ward, Troy
Solomon Westbrook, Athens
Joshua White, Litchfield
Stephen Wilcox, Smithfield
Jeduthan Withey, Columbia
Josiah Wood, Pike

Of the foregoing, Capt. Julius Tozer, a veteran of the Revolution, served with his sons, Guy and Samuel; William Curry, another soldier of the Revolution, went with his son, William. Daniel Dobbins commanded a vessel on Lake Erie at the time of Perry's victory. Solomon Bardwell with a brother served under Perry on Lake Erie, the former on Perry's flag ship at the time of the notable victory. Wm. Vaughan commanded a company in the war. Erastus French and Hieronymus McClelland were killed in battle, as was supposed, Nathaniel Fuller. Joshua Eames, Timothy H. Gustin, Alexander Lefevre, Phineas Pierce, Jr. and Dr. Robert Russell died in the service.

Others who served in the War of 1812 and subsequently settled in Bradford county and died there were:

Luther Adams, Smithfield
William Andress, Canton
Abijah Ayres, Canton
Amos Baker, Wells
Sarls Barrett, Wells
Leonard L. Barton, Wilmot
John Bender, Monroe
Joseph Boyd, Canton
John Carnigie, Smithfield
Joseph Casper, Wells
Sullivan Chaffee, Sheshequin
Christopher Child, Smithfield
Zenas Cleveland, Litchfield
Timothy Coon, Albany
Laben Cooper, Smithfield
James Covell, Ridgebery
John Davidson, Albany
Henry Deats, Sheshequin
Larry Dunmore, Overton
Daniel Durand, Herrick
Reuben Eddy, Wysox
William English, Albany
Thomas Ferguson, Wells
John Fitzsimmons, Wells
Warren Gillett, Sheshequin
William Kelly, Towanda
James T. Kinsman, Towanda
James Kipp, Monroe
John Knights, Troy
John Lamphere, Wysox
Thomas Lewis, Monroe
Enoch Luther, Burlington
Erastus Lovett, Orwell
Daniel Lyon, Monroe
Thomas Manley, Canton
Partial Mapes, Wells
Simeon McCarty, Smithfield
Conrad Mingos, Monroe
Amasa Mix, Canton
Israel Moore, Wells
Theophilus Moore, Wells
Lemuel Orton, Smithfield
James Phillips, Smithfield
Israel Pierce, Columbia
Simeon Rockwell, Rome
Nathan Rose, Smithfield
John Rowe, Rome
William Rowley, Herrick
Samuel Sample, South Creek
Jacob Scouton, Burlington

Orman Goodsell, Rome
Josiah Haines, Monroe
John Harder, Athens
William Hart, Monroe
William Hartshorn, Windham
David Hawkins, Sheshequin
Kelsus Heath, Sheshequin
Dr. Almerin Herrick, Troy
Edward Herrick, Athens
Patrick Higgins, Ulster
Richard Hoffman, North Towanda
James Hogeboom, Tuscarora
Jeremiah Hollon, Monroe
Maj. Jared Hunt, Canton
Asher Huntington, Smithfield
William S. Ingalls, Wells
Richard Jillson, Warren
Thomas Johnson, Sheshequin
Morgan K. Jones, Overton
Strong Seeley, Wells
William Sharp, Albany
Nathan Shepard, Sr., Wells
Solomon Sherwood, Columbia
Jewett Spencer, Canton
Sturgis Squires, Ridgebery
Pentecost Sweet, Smithfield
Benjamin Taylor, Rome
George Tompkinson, Smithfield
Peter Treen, Smithfield
Andrew Trout, Towanda
George Upham, Springfield
Jonathan Vandyke, Albany
Nathaniel Viall, Terry
George Vibbert, Sheshequin
Peter I. Vroman, Granville
Eliphalet Ward, Canton
Joel Wright, Canton

Christopher Child not only served through the war but was in the navy for 40 years. *Laben Cooper* saw severe service on the Canadian frontier and New York, was in many engagements and wounded at Chippewa Creek and Lundy's Lane. *William Hart* was a farrier and served under the immediate command of General Scott, whose horse he shod. *Lemuel Orton* was in the bloodiest part of the battle of Lake Erie and when it ended there were only five men besides himself left on the vessel who had not been killed or wounded. *George Tompkinson* served on the frigate *President* under Commodore Rogers. *George Upham* entered the U. S. navy in 1811, serving on the *Argus*, *President* and lastly on the *Chesapeake*, commanded by Capt. James Lawrence. In the action with the *Shannon* he was wounded in the leg, arm and shoulder and had his left eye destroyed. The battle was a memorable one. The conflict was obstinate, brief and dreadful. The *Chesapeake* was wrecked. In a short time every officer on board was either killed or wounded. Captain Lawrence himself was struck with a ball and fell dying on the deck. As they bore him down the hatchway he gave his last famous order which became the motto of the American sailor—"Don't give up the ship." Nearly 250 patriots of this war sleep in the cemeteries of Bradford county. They contributed to the glory of Scott, Brown, Perry and others, who won victories on both land and sea. Two lived to be centenarians—Erastus Lovett dying at 104 and William Andress at nearly 101 years.

Isaac Pratt, son of Daniel and Abigail (Bigelow) Pratt, was born March 10, 1758 at Colchester, Conn. He served three years in the

Revolutionary war. In 1793 he came to Wyalusing where he married Theodosia, daughter of Lieut. James and Hannah (Loomis) Wells (I—102). After eight years he moved to Susquehanna county, locating just across the line, being the founder of what has since been known as Prattville. Here he died Jany. 3, 1822. His wife Theodosia by whom he had nine children, born Oct. 23, 1770, died Feby. 27, 1814. He married 2nd, Feby. 4, 1815, Rhoda Bronson (b Jany. 3, 1783 d Feby. 4, 1838; she married 2nd Bela Ford). Children and marriages follow; 1—*Betsey*, b Aug. 29, 1794; married May 9, 1809, Stephen K. Drinkwater. 2—*Russell*, b Nov. 11, 1796; married Aug 27, 1817 Olive, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Knapp) Towner; died April 8, 1861 in Towanda; children, Matilda (Mrs. Lyman E. DeWolf), Dr. Leonard, Calvin, Mary (Mrs. Andrew J. Easterbrooks), Dr. David S., Angeline (Mrs. Henry A. Burbank), Julia (Mrs. Timothy L. Olmstead), Sophronia E. (Mrs. Samuel W. Rodgers) and Hon. Joseph W. 3—*Sophia*, b July 21, 1801, married, Nov. 27, 1823, Levi Camp (I—226). 4—*James Wells*, b April 26, 1803; married 1st, Jany. 19, 1824, Ruth Canfield, 2nd, Aug. 16, 1852, Dorothy Smith Davis; died Sept 8, 1867. 5—*Hubbel*, b April 2, 1805, married Jany. 21, 1827, Esther Canfield. 6—*Daniel*, b March 3, 1807; married March 5, 1829, Elizabeth Skinner; died July 20, 1870. 7—*Lydia*, b March 9, 1810; married March 20, 1833, P. B. Sturdevant; died Aug. 17, 1847. 8—*Isaac*, b March 12, 1812; married 1st, Oct. 3, 1837, Eliza Farnsworth Tupper, 2nd, Oct. 3, 1842, Lucinda D. Chubbuck; died Feby. 22, 1863. 9.—*Polly*, b March 3, 1816, married John Skinner. 10—*Theodosia*, b July 8, 1817, married John Heath. 11—*Phoebe Ann*, b April 21, 1820, married John Clink.

Amos Abbott located on Sugar Creek in Burlington soon after 1800. He married Catharine, daughter of George Bloom. In 1818 they sold to James and E. Long and moved to Canton. They had a son, John.

Zoroaster Porter came from Vermont to Troy, 1808. Here he lived some years then moved to Granville, being one of the pioneers of that township. He cleared and improved a farm upon which he died. His wife was Anna Keeler. They had four sons, Seth K., Minor T., Major B. and Albert. *Minor T.* married Anna, daughter of Abijah Ayres and had children, Edward, Sally (Mrs. Fred Black), Roxie (Mrs. Sheely Ayres), Nancy (Mrs. John Grantier) and Theodore F.

Jesse Marvin, a sash and chair-maker, located at Burlington, 1812. He put up a shop and turned his work by a foot lathe. It was slow work, but three chairs to a cabin was a luxury. After a few years he removed to other parts.

Thomas Porter removed from Bethlehem, Albany county, N. Y. to Troy township, 1814. He purchased 150 acres of the Drinker tract which with the aid of his sons he cleared and improved. He was also a school teacher many years and was popularly known as "Master Porter." His wife was Mrs Hannah (Mosher) Waltsie by whom he had three children, John, Uel and Betsey (Mrs. Warren Williams). He died, 1824.

John occupied part of the homestead until his death, 1858, aged 60 years. He married Martha, daughter of William Furman (p 201) and had eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity: Betsey (Mrs. Howard Taylor), Julia (Mrs. S. H. Hill), Electa (Mrs. C. T. Merry), Lyman, Uel C., George, Furman, William Burton and Sarah (Mrs. F. P. Gates).

Uel, b Dec. 15, 1805, also occupied a part of the homestead. He was a great hunter and in his young manhood proficient in all athletic sports. He married, 1825, Eliza Ann, daughter of John Furman (p 202) and had eight children: John F., James, Allen T., Alvin, Ida E. (Mrs. Anth Baumann), Eliza A. (Mrs. J. Norton Chilson), Mary (Mrs. Porter Hooker) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Phillip A. Palmer). Mr. Porter married second, Miss Mary Jenks of Elmira, no children resulting. He died April 30, 1886.

Solomon Brown moved with his family from Rutland county, Vermont to Canton township, 1815; the trip was made in March on sleighs. He purchased a piece of land, erected a log house and moved in before the domicile had either a door or window. He cleared and improved land until his death in 1856, aged 68 years. Mr. Brown married Fanny (Lusanna) Glass who survived him many years. Their children and marriages follow: *Huldah* to Joseph Fellows; *Luthera* to Nathaniel Hickok; *Betsey* to Alexander Gage; *Cynthia* to Daniel P. Knapp; *Arethusa* to Jarius Crandall; *Jonathan* to Clarissa Clark; *E. Fowler* died unmarried; *Orrin*, b March 11, 1812 at Middletown, Vt.; married 1st, Nancy Wright, 2nd Roxana Tyler; died Nov. 12, 1911 in Canton within 4 months of 100 years; *Lorenzo* to Laura Crandall; *Rufus* died at 9 years.

John Haven, son of Simeon Haven, was born June 7, 1762 at Spencer, Mass. In the month of February, 1815, he emigrated from Sullivan township, New Hampshire and settled in the wilderness near Austinville, Columbia township. He brought his family and goods on two sleds. One sled was drawn by a span of horses and the other by two yoke of oxen. The horses performed the journey in 15 days and the oxen in 18 days. Two sons, Nathan and Luther, came the year

before and made a clearing where the home was located. Mr. Haven died Aug. 13, 1820 in Columbia. He married Abigail Fay (b April 16, 1762, died Nov. 23, 1843). They had eight children as follows:

Amos died, 1799, aged 15 years.

Nathan, b Aug. 29, 1786, married Harriet Soper, was a farmer, died Jany. 13, 1822 in Columbia.

Mary, b June 23, 1788, married Aaron Baker, died Sept. 25, 1873 in Columbia.

Luther, b June 20, 1790, was a carpenter and merchant, married Martha Beaman, died Feby. 21, 1842 in Columbia.

Viana, b Sept. 17, 1792, died Jany. 23, 1864 in Columbia, unmarried.

David Carter, b Jany. 14, 1795, was a farmer, married Betsy Dartt and the father of 14 children, died Jany. 5, 1871 at Lawrenceville, Pa.

Royal, b Feby. 26, 1798, was a farmer, married Lucy Baker, died July 24, 1870 at Westfield, Pa.

Charles lived and died in Columbia. His children were Luther, Oscar, Aaron, Frank, Susan (Mrs. I. S. Aspinwall), Caroline, Harriet (Mrs. Walter Gernert) and Lydia (Mrs. J. P. Bullock)

William Hart, a native of New Jersey, came to Wysox at the close of the War of 1812 in which he had served as a farrier under General Scott. For some time he was connected with Hollenback's store and house of entertainment. He afterwards kept a hotel and worked at blacksmithing in Towanda. The last years of his life were spent at Monroeton where he died August 3, 1863 in his 74th year. Mr. Hart married Mary A., daughter of Henry Strope. Their children and marriages: *Mary Ann* to Zera Rockwell; *Hannah* died at an advanced age, unmarried; *Jared* to Lorinda Huyck; *Laning* settled in Michigan; *Catherine A.*, to 1st Nelson D. Warford, 2nd to H. Lawrence Scott; *Amanda* died unmarried.

John Vandyke, a native of Holland, after coming to America, at first located near Trenton, N. J., later removed to Turbit township, Northumberland county, Pa. During the Revolutionary war he joined and served in a Northumberland company of Rangers (1778-1783). In 1816 he left Northumberland, coming to Towanda where he purchased several town lots and a tan-yard. From Towanda in 1825 he removed to Moore's Hill, where he and his son, William had purchased a tract of timberland. Here as a faithful pioneer, he spent his closing years. He had married at Trenton, Miss Martha ———, an Irish girl. Their children were William, Davis, Wilson, John and Polly. Mr. Vandyke

died Sept. 12, 1835, aged 83 years. His remains repose in the Ulster cemetery.

William came to Towanda, 1815 and purchased of John Leavenworth, a tract of land on Towanda creek, including a grist-mill and a saw-mill. He afterwards sold and removed to Ulster township where he spent a busy life in farming and lumbering, and died, July 15, 1863, aged nearly 77 years. He married Susan, daughter of James Daugherty; she died July 15, 1871, aged 86 years. Their children were James, Matilda (Mrs. Horace Granger), George H., Mary Ann (Mrs. John Gilmour), Davis and William.

Davis was Towanda's first saddler; he married Betsy, daughter of Francis Watts (I—287); removed to LeRoy township where he died.

Wilson was a tanner; married Clamensia Grizzal; removed to Allegheny Co., N. Y. and died there.

John married Sally, daughter of John Wilson, a Revolutionary soldier; removed to Canton township and died there; children, John and Elizabeth (Mrs. Wright).

Polly died unmarried.

Arnout originally Arndt is of Holland origin. Jacob Arnout lived in New York city and moved from there to a farm near Goshen, N. Y. where he and his wife died. He had sons, Peter, Jacob, Selah and George and a daughter, Abbie. *Peter* was killed in the Revolution; *Jacob* occupied the homestead many years; *Abbie* married a Mr. Burtiss and lived near Albany, N. Y.; *George* and *Selah* see below.

George Arnout, son of Jacob, came from Northumberland county, Pa., 1816 and with his son Jacob purchased the farm known as the Salisbury place in Monroe township. He was an expert shoemaker, an occupation he followed in conjunction with farming. He died upon the farm, 1823, aged 53 years. His widow married Philip Sickler. Of the children: *Jacob* occupied the homestead, died 1843, and his wife Susannah, Aug. 22, 1822; *Peter* married Mary Irvine and died in Asylum; *Mark C.* married Hannah DeWitt of Burlington and died in Canton; *Mary* married Harry Benjamin of Asylum; *Alexander* went to Indiana and died there; *Martha* married John Irvine.

Selah Arnout, born July 12, 1768, came to Monroe after his brother George and settled near him. He bore his part well in the struggles incident to life in a new country and died upon the farm which he had carved out of the wilderness, Jany. 17, 1844. He married 1st, Prudence Knight (b Feby. 14, 1773; d Oct. 2, 1822); married 2nd, Widow Cummings. His children were George E., Samuel, Mahala, Hannah, Susan, Cidney and Joshua.

George E., b May 4, 1798, married Mary Wilcox, died May 17, 1860 on his farm in Monroe; his wife, b Nov. 19, 1796, died July 9, 1868. Their children were George W., Emily (Mrs. Isaac Robbins) and Charles B.

Samuel went West when a young man.

Mahala married Jedadiah Irish and moved to Mauch Chunk.

Hannah married Clark Cummings of Monroe.

Susan married Abraham Orr and removed from the county.

Cidney married James Deegan of Dushore, Pa.

Joshua, b Aug. 13, 1813, married Martha Chilson and occupied the homestead; died June 26, 1869. Children, Theodore, Mary J. (Mrs. Benj. North), George E., Emily H. (Mrs. Portus Coolbaugh), Martha M. (Mrs. Chas. Griswold) and Julia (Mrs. Hiram Dettrich).

Jacob Miller, a Revolutionary soldier, came to upper Sugar Creek in or before 1802. He located in Columbia but either left or died before 1812 as his name does not appear on the records after that date. Daniel Miller also an early settler (1811) of Columbia may have been of this family. In 1820 the Millers in Columbia were Daniel and Eleazer; a little later the names of Chester and Orrin Miller appear.

Abraham Weast made a possession in Columbia about 1804. After three years he sold out. He was a celebrated hunter and woodchopper. It is related, "notwithstanding, his skill in woodcraft, he once lost his way in attempting to go to Mill creek and wandered in the woods for three days. Being without his gun he could kill no game and became nearly famished. Towards night of the third day he came to a turnip-patchand began an attack upon those esculents to appease his hunger, when he was discovered by the owner of the vegetables, who took him to his cabin and by a judicious feeding on venison soup restored his strength."

Jones—Asa, Phineas and Stephen Jones settled in Columbia in or before 1812. Phineas was a brother of Mrs. Comfort Peters (p 142). The Joneses sold in 1818 and removed to Central New York.

Jacob D. Burbank came from Vermont, a young man, to Warren, 1813. He purchased a farm which he cleared and improved. He married Amy, daughter of Clement Corbin and had children, Joseph Tripp and Mary Elizabeth (Joslin). He died, 1872.

Nathan Young, a native of Plainfield, N. H., born May 26, 1788, came to Warren township, 1814 and purchased a timber tract on the turnpike. Returning East, Feby. 4, 1816, he married Lucy Burton whom he brought to his new home. Mr. Young was prominently iden-

tified with the growth and development of the town until his death in 1870. His children were *Thomas B.*, *Oscar F.* married Rachel E. Allen; *Nathan* married 1st, Phœbe Coburn, 2nd Nancy Bowen; *Sabra S.* (Bowen); *Lucy* (Dunham); *Elizabeth* (Pitcher).

Jonathan Pease located in Windham, 1811. He took out a patent for a large tract of land in behalf of the settlers and then deeded off their respective lots to them. He died in Windham, Aug. 2, 1836, aged 69 and his wife Charlotte, March 16, 1845, in her 80th year. Levi Pease may have been a son.

Stratton Sherwood, who served the American cause from the time "tea was thrown overboard until the close of the Revolutionary war," came to Warren township from Cortland county, N. Y. and followed farming. Here he continued to reside until his death, July 27, 1848, aged 96 years, 3 mos. and 18 ds. His remains rest in the Cadis cemetery. He had three sons, Stephen, John and James and two daughters, Mrs. Nathaniel Bullock and Mrs. Henry Blanchard.

Joseph Gibbs, born April 6, 1762 at Andover, Conn., enlisted at Cambridge, N. Y. in April, 1781 as a private in the company of Captain Welps, New York troops, and served nine months. After the war he lived at Whitehall, Lake George and Greenwich, N. Y., removing about 1827 to Windham township where he continued to reside until his death, 1847. Mr. Gibbs is remembered as "the model of the neighborhood for honor and integrity." He was an enthusiastic and devoted Baptist and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His stately form, being nearly 6 feet tall, gave him a fine personal bearing. He hoarded with pride the old flint-lock with barrel almost as long as himself which he had carried in the service of his country. He was given a pension in his last years. Mrs. Gibbs was "a grand, Christian lady." They had no children. Both are buried at Windham Summit.

Dr. Nathan Scovell located on Wyalusing creek before 1813. He practiced in the surrounding country until 1822 when he sold to Dr. Ebenezer Beeman who came in from Wyoming county.

Charles Squires, a native of Massachusetts, born, Sept. 15, 1787 and son of a patriot of the Revolution, married, Nov. 10, 1810 in Connecticut, Mary, daughter of Santhare Webb. In 1815 he emigrated to Asylum township, Bradford county and pursued his vocation of blacksmith. Having purchased a piece of timber land in Herrick township he moved thereto in the winter of 1820-'21. To reach his log cabin he was required to cut a road through the woods

nearly two miles. "The first night after moving in, the cabin roof was crushed by the weight of snow and only for the cross-beams holding, the family would have met serious injury if not death." The first crop was obtained by clearing away the trees and with axes and hoes, dirt was worked from among the roots, the seed deposited and covered over; an abundant yield resulted. Mr. Squires passed through all the trials and hardships incident to life in a new country, cleared and improved his farm, was a useful man in the community and died Jany. 29, 1865. His wife, b Aug. 9, 1790, died July 12, 1866. Mary Squires, the mother, who drew a pension for services of her husband in the Revolutionary war, spent her last years with her son in Herrick and died almost a centenarian. Charles and Mary Squires were the parents of 13 children, among whom were John D., Charles A., Pembroke S. and George W.

Cornelius Ennis (originally Innes, also Ennes, Annes), son of William, was born Nov. 5, 1761. During the Revolutionary war he served as a private in the Northampton county militia, Continental line. In 1816 he emigrated from Sussex county, N. J. to Standing Stone where he engaged in farming until his death, March 27, 1836. He married 1st, Sept. 22, 1781, Eleanor Decker and had two sons and a daughter; married 2nd, May 21, 1799, Deborah Clark, widow of Abraham Cole; she died Feby. 14, 1845, aged 84 years and lies besides her husband in the Ennis cemetery. Children and marriages follow:

Levi, b March 25, 1782, occupied the homestead in Standing Stone where he died Jany. 13, 1858; married. July 1, 1804, Mary, daughter of James and Sarah Ann (Dunn) Adams; she died Sept. 4, 1869, aged 81 yrs., 8 mos. and 26 ds. Their children and marriages: *James* to Minerva Martin; *Isaac* to 1st, Caroline Benjamin, to 2nd, Ellen Smith; *Sarah Ann* to 1st, Jacob Ross Emery, to 2nd, John Ayres; *Alexander* to Eleanor Stevens; *Westfall* to 1st, Henrietta Westbrook, to 2nd, Louisa Coolbaugh; *Eliza* died unmarried.

Isaac, b July 12, 1786, came to Standing Stone, 1816 and there engaged in farming until his death, Aug. 6, 1844; married 1st, Oct. 18, 1807, Hannah Wood, who died June 20, 1840, aged 56½ yrs.; married 2nd, Laura Havens and had a son, Daniel. Children by first wife and marriages: *Elijah* to Betsy Kellum; *Ellen* to John Powers; *Matilda Jane* to Samuel Biles; *Eliza Maria* to Horace Osborn; *Cornelius* to Cecelia Corkins; *Deborah* to Philetus D. Havens; *John* to Jane Coolbaugh; *Hiram* to Matilda Vanness; *James L.*, *George* and *William* died unmarried.

Elizabeth, b May 9, 1784, married, March 4, 1802, John Smith, lived in Smithfield township and died there, Sept. 4, 1868; children, Mrs. Steel, Phœbe (Mrs. Weed), John, William, Henry, Joseph, Ellen (1st Mrs. McNulty, 2nd Mrs. Isaac Ennis); Judith (Mrs. Doty) and Deborah (Mrs. Isaac Westbrook).

Vanness (Vannest)—Among the thrifty settlers who came to Standing Stone in the early part of the last century were the Vanness brothers, natives of Sussex county, N. J. George came first and soon after him his brothers, John, Daniel and Isaac Whitfield and sister, Catherine, who married Peter Lantz.

George Vanness, b Aug. 11, 1791, removed from Sussex county in 1816, settling the Henry Fisher place. He was very energetic in clearing and improving his lands and at one time owned and operated three saw mills, shipping his lumber down the Susquehanna on rafts. Being an expert blacksmith, he manufactured many useful articles out of iron. He was a faithful Methodist and is affectionately remembered for his true kindness of heart and benevolence. He married 1st, Hannah Emery (b Jany. 9, 1790, d June 8, 1844); married 2nd, Mrs. Asenath (Schoonover) Huyck; died Dec. 24, 1864. Children all by former marriage as follows: 1—*Elizabeth* married David King; 2—*Hankinson* married 1st, Miss Whipple, 2nd, Mrs. Matilda Titus, 3rd, Uranie Wilson, 4th, Hannah Heath; was a blacksmith by occupation, died in Ulster; 3—*Ross* married Praxy Hickok, died in Franklin; 4—*Mary* married James Fletcher, removed west and died at Dixon, Ill.; 5—*Sarah* married Hart Gordon, died in Standing Stone; 6—*Catherine* married 1st, Rev. Thomas Tuck, 2nd Elias Jagger; 7—*Hiram* married Lodeska Huyck; 8—*George* married Phœbe Ogden of Sussex, N. J.; 9—*Matilda* married 1st, Hiram Ennis, 2nd Nelson Barnes; 10—*Osie* married Alanson Taylor; 11—*Lucinda* died in young womanhood, unmarried.

John Vanness came to Standing Stone about the same time as his brother George. He devoted his time to farming, was a good citizen and faithful member of the Methodist church. He married Sally Dunn, who died Sept. 3, 1849, aged 56 years; he died Jany. 12, 1853, aged 59 years. Their children and marriages follow: *Nelson* to 1st, Lois Chaffee, to 2nd, Amorette Huff; *Jane* to John Robinson; *Erastus* to Emma Hull; *Wesley* to Celestia Tuttle; *John Jason* to Emily Horton; *Myron* to Harriet Finch; *Porter* to Sarintha Conklin.

Daniel Vanness, b June 11, 1795, after coming to Standing Stone, like his brothers, engaged in farming. He was a worthful citizen and active member of the Presbyterian church; died Oct. 11, 1849. He married Martha Huff (b June 11, 1795). Their children and mar-

riages: *John* to Julia Morris; *Maria* to Asheur Roals; *Jehiel* to Lucy Clayson; *DeWitt* to Julia Kilmer; *Charles* to Miss Froat, died in the service during the Civil War.

Isaac Whitfield Vanness came first to Wysox, then settled permanently in Standing Stone and engaged in farming; died April 26, 1873, aged 72 yrs. and 5 mos. He married Osee Shay who died Nov. 22, 1872, aged 73. Their children and marriages: *Vincent* to Deborah Viall; *George* to Betsy Froat; *Benjamin* to 1st, Miss Jaggers, to 2nd, Sarah Lloyd; *Sally Jane* to Rev. I. P. Towner; *Harriet* to John Huff; *Sophronus* to Julia Jennings; *David* to 1st, Emily Taylor, to 2nd, Loretta Orshalt; *William* to Ann Shay Rubert; *Edwin* to Sally Ann Shay; *Phœbe* to Erban Lindsley; *Ophelia* to Matthew Greening; *Frank* to Cynthia Robinson. Three of the brothers, David, Edwin and Sophronus, were professors of music and for several years taught singing school.

Matthias Scriven, born Aug. 14, 1775, moved from New York state into Susquehanna county, thence to Pike before 1813 and finally located permanently in Albany township. He was quite a noted hunter. He died suddenly, 1827, while visiting in the Lake country. His wife was Anna Sabin (sister of David); she was born Nov. 9, 1778, died June 13, 1855. They were the parents of 21 children, among whom were Benjamin, Joseph, Matthias, Oliver, Sabin and Stephen.

Samuel Smith, a cooper from Hartford, Conn., located in Albany township, winter of 1814-'15. "He was a capital workman and splendid citizen." After some years his wife died and he removed from the town. He had no children.

Thomas Cox came to the county in or before 1813, locating on Towanda Hills. He was quite a noted hunter. He married Susannah, daughter of Uzziel Carter and had children, Hiram, Joanna, John, Nancy, Polly, Hannah, Delight, Wellington and Usual M. Mr. Cox died Sept. 29, 1841, aged 59 yrs., 9 mos. and 17 ds., and his wife, June 18, 1856, aged 70 yrs. 4 mos. and 10 ds.

Lewis P. Franks, a printer, came to Towanda in 1817 and edited the *Washingtonian*, the first Federal paper in the county. After continuing the paper about a year, he turned its management over to Octavius Holden. Franks is remembered as a central figure, with a keen intellect but eccentric. He wielded an able and trenchant pen. Upon leaving Towanda he went to Philadelphia where he engaged in journalism.

Dr. Charles Whitehead located at Towanda in 1818. He was a man of ability and considerable eminence. From 1820 to '23 he was

Register and Recorder of the county and served as a justice of the peace. He died March 26, 1825, aged 31 years. His wife afterwards taught several terms of school in the village.

William Kelly and sons, Lewis and William, mechanics, settled in Towanda, 1818. He established a ferry across the river, the wharf being at the terminus of State street, was known as the "Upper", or "Kelly's Ferry." He also kept a grocery for a while on Court street which he sold to Benjamin Hunt. Mr. Kelly was a soldier, War of 1812. He died June 15, 1857, aged 86 and his wife, Delight, Aug. 30, 1830, aged 62 years. Both inhumed in Riverside cemetery.

John D. Wage came from Springfield, Mass. to Wysox in 1813. Here he remained only a short time then went into the wilderness at South Hill, Orwell township and cleared up a farm. In 1856 he sold his interests in Bradford county and removed to Wisconsin, where he died at an advanced age. Before coming to Bradford county he had married a Miss Ferry by whom he had children, John, Chester Chapel, Henry, Abigail, Caroline, Elsie and Emily P. His wife having died he married a second time and had children, Fernando, Thomas, Susann and Biansa. *John* joined a whaling crew and died at sea; *Henry* went to California in the 50's, making the trip by wagon, died at Greeley, Col.; *Chester Chapel*, b Feby. 7, 1813, enlisted in the U. S. navy, serving from 1835 to '38, visited the four quarters of the globe and had many thrilling experiences; married, 1840, Ellen, daughter of James Lent of Rome and settled in Tuscarora, where he died Oct. 5, 1907; *Abigail* married Philander Barnes of Orwell; *Caroline* married Charles Stewart of Herrick; *Elsie* married Wesley Robinson of Orwell; *Emily P.* married George Wickizer of Herrick.

Amos Kinney, who was among the early settlers on the west side of the Chemung in Athens township, at the age of 16 years entered the service in the struggle for Independence. In his affidavit of Sept. 11, 1820, asking the benefits of a pension he sets forth as follows: "That he the said Amos Kinney, aged 55 years, resident in the township of Athens, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as a private, enlisting in the year 1781 under Captain Marshall, Colonel Tupper's regiment and continued in the service until December, 1783, when he was regularly discharged; that he is a farmer by occupation, has a wife 41 years old, three sons, aged respectively 10, 7 and 1 year and a daughter 4 years old." The sons are remembered as Washington, Solon and Byron; the daughter grew up and married. The patriot father died on his farm and was buried in an old cemetery above Chemung. His wife Margaret died, 1842.

Dr. Zadoc Gillett, a native of Granville, Mass. came to Sheshequin in 1815 and located on the Warren Gillett place. He had quite an extensive practice. After some years, he removed to Canada, where during an epidemic of cholera he lost his wife and several children. He then returned to Sheshequin and practiced for a time, finally removed to Albany township where he died. He was the father of the late Jerome B. Gillett of Hornbrook.

John Ditrich, who came to America as a Hessian soldier during the Revolutionary war, remained here and in 1816 found his way into Sheshequin, settling the farm now owned by his grandson, Edward M. Vought. He improved a considerable part of the place and died thereon, April 11, 1840, aged 85 years. His wife, Elizabeth, died Aug. 12, 1846, aged 83 years. Their children: *Lewis* moved to other parts; *Hannah* married Joseph Vought; *Lydia* married Peter Vought.

Joshua Lamphere, a native of Connecticut and carpenter and millwright by occupation, came to Wysox in 1815. He was a soldier, War of 1812. He married Margaret, daughter of Henry Tuttle and had the following children: Jenette (Mrs. Wm. Compton), Zelwin, Mary (Mrs. Stephen Clayson), John W., Adelia (Mrs. Squire Platt) and Daniel. Mr. Lamphere died on his farm on the State Road and is inhumed in the Wysox cemetery.

Seymour Brothers, Gould and Isaac, came to Pike township from Vestal, N. Y. about 1800. They were natives of Norwalk, Conn. but after that place had been burned by the British, the family left and finally settled at Vestal. Gould came in, bringing his family and effects, with a yoke of oxen and a sled. After having made some improvements, the brothers, went to Sheshequin and procured apple-seeds, sowed them, raised a nursery and planted a large area to orchards.

Gould improved the farm afterwards occupied by Wilson Canfield. He took an active interest in public affairs, was chosen county commissioner in 1825 and attained the rank of major in the militia. He died in Pike, 1850. His wife was Martha Hart who at his death with these children survived, Stephen, Philander, Julia (Mrs. Wilson Canfield), Nancy and Electa (Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson).

Isaac was also a man of high standing in the community, being appointed one of the first justices-of-the-peace in the county. He died, 1861. In his will he provided for his wife Ruth and children, Philinda (Mrs. Chas. Hall), Chauncy and George (married Matilda Buck).

Jenks Brothers, Livingston and Renselaer J., came to Warren, 1811. The former had a store some years and was a justice-of-the-peace. He married Sally, daughter of Preserved Buffington and had a

large family with whom he removed West about 1836. Renselaer married a daughter of Moses Woodburn, lived in Sheshequin a number of years, kept store and was a justice-of-the-peace. He also went West in 1836.

Other Warren Settlers—Henry Billings was located in the town, 1804 but left before 1812. Alfred Allyn and Jacob Allyn from Providence, R. I. came about 1810. The latter died, 1814 during an epidemic of fever, and the former in 1857. Seneca Allyn who married Betsy Pendleton (p 159) came a little later. Charles and Robert Sutton were in the town as early as 1807; the latter remained until 1830 when he sold to Parly Coburn. Benjamin and Moses Buffum were located here in 1809 but remained only a few years. The Tripps, Elisha, Edward and Joseph, came in 1811 and James Mapes, 1812. About the same time Elnathan Spalding from Rhode Island who had an improvement in Windham, sold and moved to Warren. Both he and his wife died of fever, 1814.

Record Marriages—In Orwell, July 24, 1808 by Justice Parly Coburn, Charles Wright of Owego, N. Y. and Miss Betsy Dunham of Orwell.

In Orwell, January 8, 1809 by Justice Parly Coburn, William Buffington and Grace Butler.

In Orwell, January 22, 1809 by Justice Parly Coburn, John H. Hill and Anna Corbin.

In Orwell, Sept. 26, 1809 by Justice Parly Coburn, Joseph Armstrong and Ruth Dewing.

In Orwell, Dec. 24, 1809 by Justice Parly Coburn, Daniel Seymour and Patty Coburn.

In Orwell, Jany. 20, 1810 by Justice Parly Coburn, Philip West and Mary Dunham.

In Orwell, August 30, 1810 by Justice Parly Coburn, Joshua Wythe of Towanda and Harriet Pond of Orwell.

In Orwell, February 20, 1811 by Justice Parly Coburn, John Cowles and Lucy Coburn.

In Orwell, Dec. 31, 1811 by Justice Parly Coburn, Jeremiah Glover and Tamer Buffum.

In Orwell, Jany. 2, 1812 by Justice Parly Coburn, Livingston Jenks and Sally Buffington.

In Orwell, May 19, 1812 by Justice Parly Coburn, Luther Buffington and Mary Tripp.

In Orwell, October 24, 1812 by Justice Parly Coburn, Robert Buffum and Minerva Nichols.

William Presher was the pioneer miller of Sheshequin. Upon coming into the Valley, 1807, he saw the great need of a grist-mill for the accommodation of the settlers. He laid the matter before Judge Gore who gave the necessary assistance and a mill was built which Mr. Presher operated until his death in 1822.

Benjamin Hale, a native of Bristol, R. I., born Jany. 15, 1771, emigrated with his family from Warren, R. I. to Smithfield township in 1814. He was a man of high character and many years a deacon in the Baptist church. He married Keziah Rounds of Rehoboth, Mass. and reared a notable family. Their children, all born at Warren, were John E., Benjamin, Mason, Ruth, Lydia and Allen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hale died in Smithfield, the former in 1851 and the latter in 1843. Of their children:

John E. was prominent in the political affairs of the county, being commissioners' clerk, 1836 and '37 and county treasurer, 1838 to '41. He married Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Wood and emigrated to Knoxville, Ill. in 1846. Their children were Hollis M., Emmorette, T. Judson, James Ellery, Eunice W., Clayton and Celestia. *Hollis M.* was a merchant; *T. Judson* was a lawyer, married Sarah P. Pierce of Smithfield and went to Illinois, 1845; filled many positions of honor and trust and died, 1896 at Galesburg, Ill; *James Ellery* was a lawyer, married Mary Hart Pierce of Smithfield and went to Illinois, 1846, thence to California, 1849; was chosen county judge, member of assembly, state senator and filled other important positions; died, 1895 at Auburn, Cal.; *Clayton* also read law and practiced until the breaking out of the Civil War, entered the 59th Ill. Vols. served four years, being promoted from captain to lieutenant-colonel; entered the regular army, 1866 and retired, 1890 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; died, 1896 at DesMoines, Iowa.

Beniamin married Eunice, daughter of Samuel Wood; removed to Belvidere, Ill. and died, 1871 in Chicago.

Mason married Almira King of Smithfield and removed to Iowa.

Ruth married Hezekiah M. Peck and was the mother of William A., Capt. George S. and Hon. Benjamin M. and three daughters.

Lydia married Nelson Thomas and removed to Knoxville, Ill.

Allen married Miriam, daughter of Samuel Wood and removed to Abington, Ill.

Cromwell Child, son of Caleb and Bethia Child, the eldest of six children, was born Jany. 1, 1757 at Warren, Rhode Island. During the Revolutionary war he enlisted and served from his native state. In 1819 he removed from Warren, R. I. with his wife, one son and three

daughters (company comprising thirteen) to Smithfield township, settling two miles east of the village. Another son Henry, who was on a sailing cruise, died on the coast of Africa in 1820. Mr. Child was a man of considerable means and had quite extensive business dealings. He was an honest, upright citizen, a consistent member of the Baptist church and highly respected by his neighbors. He and his wife spent their last years with their son *Edward A.* in Smithfield. He died about 1838 and his wife a year or two previous. Their remains rest in the plot on the Israel Phillips farm. Their daughter *Margaret* married George Tompkinson, another daughter married a Mr. Wood and the third daughter, a Mr. Salisbury.

Benjamin McAfee, a native of Middlesex, N. J. and Scotch origin, born March 9, 1764, while residing in Sussex county, enlisted, 1777 in the company of Captain Ross under Colonel Crow and served 2 months in the American army; the same year he re-enlisted and served an additional term of 2 months in the company of David Dunham; again in 1778 or '79 he served a third enlistment of 3 months in Captain Freemau's company of the New Jersey troops. He married Rachel Potter and in the 30's removed with his family from Sussex county to Springfield township, settling about a mile east of Springfield Center. Here he engaged in farming and continued to reside until his death, July 17, 1844. He was given a pension under the act of 1832 which was continued to his wife after his death. His remains repose in the Leona cemetery. Benjamin and Rachel McAfee had six children as follows:

Samuel H., b Oct. 10, 1796, married Hannah Riggs, died May 28, 1882 in Athens township; children, *Joel*, b Dec. 31, 1819; *Benjamin L.*, b Feby. 22, 1821; *Jemima Jane*, b Feby. 27, 1824, married Erastus Loomis; *William F.*, b June 7, 1826; *George W.*, b June 9, 1828; *Julia Ann*, b March 30, 1830, died unmarried; *John R.*, b April 3, 1832; *Susan E.*, b April 14, 1834, married G. L. Easterbrooks; *Thompson R.*, b Oct. 30, 1836.

Pamelia died, unmarried, July 24, 1842, aged 47 years.

Joel P., b July 17, 1800, married Mary Bridgess, died July 14, 1890 in Springfield.

Phila married Samuel Hellems; had no children.

Susan married Henry Struble.

Benjamin I. married Caroline Wilder, removed to Lafayette, Ind. where he died; children, two sons and two daughters.

George Baker from Maryland located in Columbia township, 1814. He cleared and improved a farm where both he and his wife

Kate died. Their children were Parmina, Harlin, Joseph, Ruth, Rebecca, Sally, Zuba, Amanda, William, George and Gibbons. *Harlin* married Sarah A. Longwell and had children, John, Emmett, George, Sarah, William F. and Wilmot.

Asa Bullock, a son of Stephen and Mary (Horton) Bullock whose ancestry dates back to the *Mayflower*, was born May 3, 1763 in Bristol county, Mass. He was an uncle of Dr. Darius Bullock of Smithfield. For many years he was a large cotton mill owner. He married, May 1, 1791, Jerusha Allen, a near relative of Gen. Ethan Allen; she died March 7, 1817 at Rehoboth, Mass., aged 50 years. The same spring (1817) he came to Columbia township, purchased land, made improvements, put in crops and in the fall returned East and moved his family. He was a man of splendid character and a worthful citizen. He died Jany. 1, 1831 in Columbia. Asa and Jerusha Bullock were the parents of seven sons, Asa A., James, Isaac F., Samuel, Stephen, Viall A., ——— and two daughters, Marcy (Mrs. Joseph Gladding) and Mary (Mrs. Peleg Peckham). *James* married Martha Brace and lived in Columbia; *Isaac F.* married Lucinda Williams and was a prominent citizen of Springfield township.

Abijah Ayres, a native of Connecticut, came to Canton township, 1815 and soon afterwards located permanently in Granville township, where he cleared a large farm and died, 1836. He married Hannah Edward and had children, Abijah, Gilbert, John, Jemima (Mrs. Elihu Andrews), Moses, Isaac, Anna (Mrs. Minor T. Porter), Sally (Mrs. Silas Packard), Rachel (Mrs. Phillips), Lemuel, Marcus and Mary (Mrs. Reuben J. Palmer). *Abijah* married 1st Polly Sheely and had children, John, Betsey, Henry, Moses, Ellen, Hannah and Sheely; married 2nd, Thurza Palmer, their children being Mary, Eliza, Sarah, Christine, Lucy, Naomi, Marcus, Andrew and Burton.

Simeon Chesley, born in Canada, June 14, 1761, enlisted as a private, June, 1782 in Captain Sewell's company of Colonel Sprout's regiment of the Massachusetts troops and served one year. He resided in Luzerne county, before moving to Granville township (1820), where he made application for the benefits of a pension, which was granted and after his death extended to his widow. He married, Aug. 25, 1813 Elizabeth Shaffer of Kingston, Pa. by whom he had the following children: *Simeon P.* married Eliza Dudley of Burlington; *Margaret* married Henry Downs of Troy; *Philip* died unmarried; *Susan* married Orrin Pratt of Granville; *Malachi* married Elizabeth Tinklepaugh of Canton. The patriot father died Sept. 12, 1853 and is inhumed in the Windfall cemetery.

Benjamin Taylor, soldier of the War of 1812, born May 24, 1787 at Groton, Conn., emigrated to Rome township with his family in 1817. He came from Connecticut with his wife, two sons, a daughter and household effects, being conveyed by a two-horse team. The Hudson river was crossed at Newburg. Mr. Taylor located on a piece of land on Taylor Hill and leased a house until he could build one of his own. He was a cooper by occupation and worked at his trade for a time at Wysox. He built a frame house, all the boards of which were fastened with hand-wrought nails. He cleared and improved his farm, whereon he died Sept. 11, 1860. He had married, April 18, 1811, Bathsheba Janes. She was born Nov. 15, 1786 at Springfield, Mass. and died Dec. 21, 1876 on the homestead. They had children as follows:

Edwin W., b March 8, 1812, married, Sept. 13, 1836, Harriet Ann Warner of Pike; children, Mortimer K. and Orville H.

Delamer, b May 27, 1814, married, March 9, 1837, Melinda Fairchild of Herrick; children, Orlenzo M., Olin, Mary and Bertha; died April 24, 1887, and his wife, Feby. 18, 1888.

Abby Jane, b March 17, 1816, married, Sept. 3, 1839, Ephah M. Towner of Rome, died Oct. 13, 1887; children, Martha S., Corrington A., Alma E. and Olin H.

Rev. Corrington E., b Aug. 11, 1818, married July 9, 1845, Emeline A. Warner of Pike; children, Francis A., and Hedding O.; died April 27, 1888, and his wife, Oct. 5, 1884.

Almerin J., b March 18, 1821, married, Sept. 5, 1844, Esther Hornbeck of Port Jervis, N. Y., died March 21, 1894; children: Orletta A., Francelia A., Laverna J., Eliza A. and Rachel E.

Addison W., b April 3, 1824, married, May 5, 1846, Mary H. Stevens of Herrick; children, H. S., Eunice, M. A., A. and Hartley C. S.; died May 1, 1904, and his wife, Feby. 7, 1901.

Stephen Gregory removed from Kent, Litchfield county, Conn. to Pike township about 1824. He had served in the struggle for Independence and his record is given in his affidavit of Sept. 10, 1828, asking for the benefits of a pension as follows: "That he the said Stephen Gregory, aged 74 years, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, enlisted for a term of 9 months about the first of March, 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Bardsley of Col. David Wooster's regiment of the Connecticut line; that he continued to serve in the said corps until December, 1777, when he was discharged near Crown Point, N. Y." He was present at Danbury and saw General Wooster shot from his horse. Mr. Gregory died at Pike in the early 40's. He had children: *Hezekiah* remained East; *Ralph; Jesse;*

Samuel a somewhat noted teacher; *Eunice* married Abraham Taylor of Pike; *Betsey* married Libus Smith of Pike; *Elizabeth* married John Keeler of Wyalusing; *Lucy* married Gurdon Williams of Pike; *Mercy* married Samuel Beecher of Pike.

Jareb Palmer, a native of Vermont, located near Alba in 1813 and engaged in clearing and improving land. He had married Esther Rice. They were the parents of seven sons and four daughters, all growing to maturity but one; *Charlotte* married Gen. Elihu Case of Troy; *Russell* married Sylvia, sister of Elihu Case.

Amos Alexander emigrated from Vermont to Troy township, 1815. In 1831 he went to Texas, settling along the Colorado river, his wife and sons going thereto, 1834. Mr. Alexander engaged in trade. June 1, 1835 while returning from the landing with four loads of goods he was ambuscaded by the Indians and he and his son Amos R. shot and scalped. The wagons were plundered, the Indians carrying off $1,000 worth of property. Besides his wife Hannah, Mr. Alexander left two other sons, Lyman W. and Darwin S. and two daughters, Loraine (1st Mrs. Amos R. Soper, 2nd Mrs. T. S. Sheardown) and Mrs. Goodrich.

Putnam—Among the original settlers of Salem, Mass. was John Putnam, the American progenitor of the Putnams in New England and among whose descendants were the distinguished generals, Israel and Rufus Putnam. John the eldest son of Nicholas and Margaret (Goodspeed) Putnam was of the 19th generation in the English line and the first of the American line. He was born about 1580 and died suddenly Dec. 30, 1662 in Salem, Mass. His son, Captain John, married Rebecca Prince and had a son Eleazer, who by his wife Elizabeth Rolfe, had a son Henry who was killed at the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775. Henry had married Hannah Billings(?). Their son Eleazer married Mary Crosby and had children, Samuel, John, Henry, Elijah, Hannah and Rhoda.

John Putnam, second son of Eleazer and Mary (Crosby) Putnam, was born Nov. 12, 1767 at Medford, Mass. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, his record of service being contained in his own affidavit as follows: "That he enlisted as a private in June or July 1780 at Great Barrington, Mass. and served 6 months in the 1st Massachusetts regiment; that in the winter following he enlisted in the continental establishment and the following spring joined the 6th Massachusetts regiment, commanded by Col. Calvin Smith (Capt. Japhet Daniel's company) and served in that regiment at West Point, which was after-

wards consolidated with the 2nd Massachusetts regiment, until the fall of 1783." From a descriptive roll he is described: "height, 5 ft. 5 in.; complexion, light; hair, brown; occupation, laborer; residence, Great Barrington." In 1817 he removed to Granville township and took up a farm in the wilderness which he occupied until his death, May 31, 1844. He married 1st Fiche VanDeusen and had two children, Katie and Lucretia (Mrs. Joseph Bush); married 2nd Lendy Andrus (b. Dec. 26, 1775, d April 3, 1841), their children being Luman, Henry, Fiche (Mrs. Stephen Landon), Isaac, Lydia (Mrs. Heman Bruce), Sally (Mrs. Luther F. Clark), and Jane (Mrs. Van Rensselaer Champney). Both Mr. Putnam and his 2nd wife inhumed at Granville Center.

Luman, b Sept. 22, 1801 in Great Barrington, died Dec. 3, 1893 in Granville. He assisted in clearing land and was a carpenter and builder; was very studious, had a fine library and taught several terms of school; took great interest in public matters, was elected county commissioner, 1844 and served several years as justice of the peace. He married 1st Jerusha, daughter of Scoville Bailey; 2nd, Amy (Stockwell) Brigham; children, Lurenda (Mrs. Benj. S. Smiley), Amanda (Mrs. Chas. Drake), Selenda (Mrs. Valentine Saxton), Eliza (Mrs. A. S. Rockwell), Luman and Harvey.

Henry married Mary, daughter of Benjamin Saxton, and engaged in farming in Granville; children. Erastus, Philander, John, Jane, Benjamin and Laura (Mrs. Aaron Waldron).

Isaac married Abigail, daughter of Jeremiah Taylor and had children, Alfred, Sylvester, Orville T. and Milton.

Willard Green came to the Orwell neighborhood in or before 1804. In 1810 he purchased with his brother-in-law, Jacob Wickizer, a tract of land on Johnson creek in Rome; he subsequently sold his interest to John Horton. In 1817 Mr. Green married Jerusha, widow of Benjamin Coolbaugh of Macedonia (I—166). He was either a soldier of the Revolution or War of 1812

Prince Brothers, Abel and Joseph, who were sons of Abel Prince and born near Manchester, N. H., having purchased of Robt. H. Rose a tract of timberland in the western part of Warren township, came thereto in 1814. They were thrifty and enterprising, cleared and improved their land and became very prosperous. Their sister Fanny who married Seth Nichols also came to Warren.

Abel married Mrs. Ruth Elsbree Shaw of Albany county, N. Y., who by her former husband, Uriah Shaw, had children, Sally Ann (Mrs. Silas White), Mary (Mrs. Benj. Elsbree) and Walter; her parents were John and Polly (Martin) Elsbree and their children, Joseph, William, Martin, Ruth, Manson, Susannah, Anna, John and Ira. Abel and Ruth

Prince had children who married as follows: *John* to Elizabeth Hagadorn; *Abel* to 1st Mary Jones, to 2nd Zerusah Hines; *Romanda* to Alfred B. Corbin. Mr. Prince died June 21, 1867, aged 78½ years, and his wife, May 18, 1870, aged 71 yrs. and 5 mos.

Joseph married Lucinda Bates of Kent Plains, Conn. The former died on the homestead, April 16, 1844, and his wife, Nov. 12, 1852. Their children and marriages follow: *Miles*, Feby. 20, 1847, to Charlotte Elsbree; *Myron; Joel* died March 24, 1859, aged 25, unmarried; *Lucinda A.* to Edwin Williams.

Matthew Wright, son of Enoch Wright, a patriot of the Revolution, was born in Massachusetts. He served in the Revolutionary war as follows: Under Capt. James Noble, Col. James Easton, May 10, 1775 to Dec. 30, 1775; also under Capt. William Francis, Maj. Caleb Hyde from July 8 to 26, 1777; also under Lieut. Joel Clems, Col. David Rosseter's regiment, Oct. 15 to 18, 1780 on the alarm at Fort Edward. In 1798 he married at Lyme, Broome county, N.Y., Susann Lee. About 1818 he removed with his family to Sheshequin township, settling at Ghent where he improved a farm and died, 1838. Both he and his wife inhumed on the farm where he lived. Their children and marriages follow: *Oswin; Earl*; *Polly* to Larmon H. Elliott; *Sally* to Timothy Hiney; *Druzella* to Reuben Perry; *Margaret; Betsy* to Hiram Perry.

James Long, a native of Vermont, removed to Chenango county, N. Y. where he resided some years, then in 1816 joined his brother Ezra at Troy and managed his hotel three years. Having purchased a farm at Burlington, he removed there in 1819 and opened a hotel which he conducted in connection with farming. Here he continued to reside until his death, March 29, 1854, aged 75 years. Mr. Long married Lydia, daughter of James Davidson (I—331); she died, January, 1853. Their children: (1) *Holden*, b Nov. 22, 1802; (2) *Eliza*, b Oct. 16, 1804; (3) *John F.*, b Jany. 1810, succeeded to the homestead and was long proprietor of "The Bradford County Coffee House," a popular hostelry; was elected associate judge, 1856 and enjoyed in a high degree the confidence and respect of the public; died Nov. 24, 1865; married, May 25, 1831, Hannah L. Merrick (b 1804 died 1885); their children: Philander, b April 7, 1832, d 1901; Martin James, b Aug. 9, 1833 for 44 years engaged in business in Towanda; Mason, b Aug. 16, 1835, died in Texas; Cecelia, b Aug. 16, 1837 died unmarried in Towanda; Albert, b Dec. 24, 1840, died Feby. 1891 in Towanda; (4) *Nancy*, b Sept. 20, 1810, married 1st Isaac Cash, 2nd Jonathan Hill.

Samuel Wells, a shoemaker by occupation, came from Rhode Island and located at Terrytown about 1800. He took up land but lost

his claim. He had a family of nine children, one of whom, Daniel, married, Feby. 3, 1841, Ruey Strong and were the parents of seven sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to maturity.

Merritt—Daniel, Gilbert and Hezekiah Merritt, said to be brothers, came to Wyalusing township about 1810. In 1813 Andrew, Daniel and Gilbert Merritt were in Wyalusing and Hezekiah in Towanda. Sept. 29, 1811, Hezekiah Merritt and Miss Polly Wells were united in marriage by Rev. Elisha Cole. 1822, Gilbert Merritt deeds to Samuel Merritt land in Wyalusing. May 8, 1834, Gilbert Merritt, aged 60 drowned in the river; his daughter Susan married Wm. Chamberlain. December, 1834, letters granted to Elijah Merritt on the estate of Andrew Merritt of Wyalusing. April 3, 1834, William Smith Tracy of Monroe and Miss Rachel Merritt of Wyalusing were married by Justice Harry Morgan, and May 15, 1845, Wm. Vanlooven and Hannah Merritt married in Wyalusing by Rev. S. F. Colt

Archelaus Temple, a native of New England, who fought for American Independence, spent his last days in Athens. All that is known of his service and family is contained in his affidavit of Sept. 11, 1820, asking for the benefits of a pension as follows: "That he the said Archelaus Temple, aged 56 years, doth on his oath declare that he enlisted as a private soldier in the town of Keene, Cheshire county, N. H. in month of April 1782 under Capt Benj. Ellis, 1st regiment New Hampshire troops, commanded by Col. Henry Dearborn and continued in the service until January 1784 when he was discharged at Dobb's Ferry on the Hudson river; that by occupation he is a carpenter, infirm and unable to labor; has a wife, Emma Temple, aged 49 years." He died May 18, 1832 and is inhumed in the old cemetery at Athens. The following is recorded: "There was an agreement between Archy Temple and Solomon Talliday, another Revolutionary veteran, that when the first died the survivor should fire a volley over his grave, which was fulfilled to the letter."

James Ingals, whose sons, Samuel and William S. had settled in Wells township, 1817, also went from Elmira and joined them in 1822. He was a man of high standing in the community; died, 1829. His children were *Abigail* married Thomas Osgood; *Rosannah* married John Miller and moved to Michigan; *Leander; Samuel* removed to Illinois and died there; *Sabra* married Strong Seeley; *Jeremiah*; *Adelia* married Helm Budd of Columbia; *Olive* married Wm. Tubbs and died in Michigan; *William S.* engaged extensively in farming and lumbering, was prominent in the affairs of the town and a man of sterling worth; died 1868,

aged 77 years, survived by his wife Catherine and children, Sarah C., Aaron K., Sophia B. (Mrs. Miller), Naomi S. (Mrs. Jones), Benjamin S. and Charles S.

Henry Hibbard joined the Standing Stone settlement in 1816. He married Margaret, daughter of Cherick Westbrook and in 1827 removed to Albany township, being the founder of the "Hibbard Hill" neighborhood. Here he cleared up a large farm and died, Dec. 31, 1877, aged 87 years. His 2nd wife was Marilla Lee, 3rd Angelica Smith, 4th Lovisa Rice; children, John, Electa, Orson, Celinda, Margaret, Olive, Eunice and Henry.

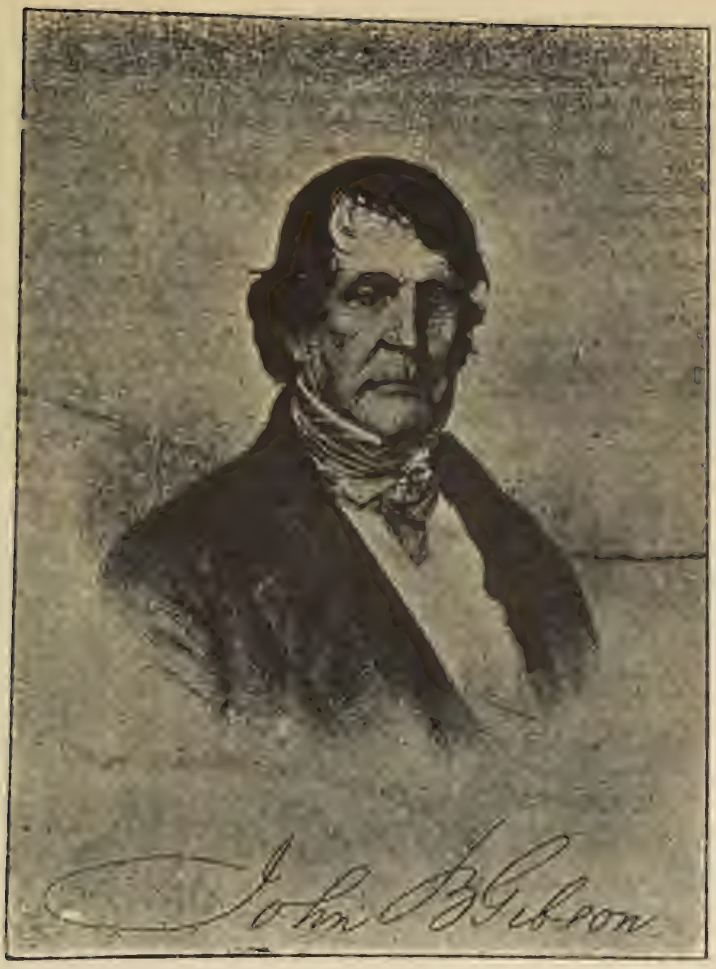
Stephen Edwards from Vermont and an auger-maker by occupation located in Albany township, 1816. A negro who had acquired some proficiency as a fifer came with him. Edwards occupied the Luce improvements a number of years then sold and moved West. He had sons, John, Ira, Asa and a daughter Caroline.

David Sabin, a native of Rensselaer county, N. Y., born June 6, 1793, came to Albany township, 1817 and assisted in the construction of the turnpike. He afterwards settled on East Hill where he died Dec. 13, 1870. He was a hard-working man, noted for his great strength and fleetness in foot-racing. His wife was Martha Kendall (b Jany. 21, 1794, d May 5, 1871), and their children, Abigail, Mary Ann, Tacy, Edward, Martha, Sarah, Malvina, Robert S. and Phoebe.

John Bannister Gibson, the first President Judge of Bradford county was born November 8, 1780 in Sherman's Valley, Perry county, Pa. He was the son of Lieut.-Colonel George Gibson, an officer of the Revolutionary army, who fell in St. Clair's expedition against the Indians on the Miami in 1791.

He received his preparatory education in the grammar school attached to Dickinson College, and subsequently studied in the collegiate department from which in due time, he was graduated. He entered the office of Thomas Duncan, who was afterward an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and passed through a severe course of reading for the legal profession, and was admitted as an attorney at-law at the bar of Cumberland county in 1803.

He first opened his office at Carlisle, Pa., and after a few years removed to the town of Beaver in the same state. From this latter locality he changed to Hagerstown, Maryland, and shortly afterwards returned to Carlisle. In 1810, he was elected by the Democratic-Republican party as a Representative in the lower branch of the Legislature and was re-elected the following year, during each session filling prominent stations on important committees. On the 14th of October, 1812, he was commissioned by Governor Simon Snyder, President Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of Pennsylvania, comprising the counties of Bradford, Tioga, Wayne and Susquehanna. (Luzerne being subsequently added). June 27, 1816, he was commissioned an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, which,



at that time was equivalent to a life tenure, the appointment being "during good behavior." At the death of Chief-Justice Tilghman in 1827, he was appointed by the Governor to succeed him. In 1838, at the date of the adoption of the New Constitution of the State, he resigned his office, but was immediately re-appointed by the Governor.

By a change of the Constitution making the Judiciary elective, his seat be-

came vacant in 1851. During the same year he was elected an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, being the only one of the former incumbents who was nominated by the Democratic party. He discharged the functions of his office until attacked by his last illness. He died in Philadelphia, May 3, 1853. As a jurist he stood among the highest in the land. At home and abroad his transcendent legal ability was universally acknowledged. His judicial opinions are among the richest treasures of the country.

During the time (from January Term, 1813, to May Term, 1816, inclusive), Judge Gibson presided over the courts of Bradford county, Northern Pennsylvania was a vast wilderness with only a few wagon-roads, generally following the Susquehanna and larger streams. In making the rounds of his circuit in the five counties Judge Gibson either came on horseback or by stage. He visited Towanda four times a year and held court for about a week during each visit. In 1813 and '14 the regular time of convening court was on the third Monday each of January, April, August and November. Beginning with 1815, the terms of court were changed to February, May, September and December and our terms of court have continued in this order ever since. Upon the erection of the county in 1812, the "Red Tavern," which stood on the corner of Franklin and Main streets, was established as the place of holding court and so continued till the old courthouse was built and occupied in 1816. The court-room was on the second floor, and the prisoners kept in side rooms adjoining, during trial, the jail (log) then being located at Monroeton. In May, 1816, Judge Gibson held the first term of court in the courthouse, which was also his last in the county.

Judge Gibson possessed many accomplishments. He was an expert violinist and usually carried a violin with him on his circuit After the adjournment of court he hied himself to his room at the hotel and found both pleasure and recreation with "his fiddle and the bow." Upon the announcement of the death of Mr. Gibson, Chief Justice Jeremiah S. Black, his succesor, said: "It is unnecessary to say that every surviving member of the court is deeply grieved by the death of Mr. Justice Gibson. In the course of nature it was not to be expected that he could live much longer, for he had attained the ripe old age of 76. But the blow, though not a sudden one, was, nevertheless, a severe one. The intimate relations, personal and official, which we all bore to him would have been sufficient to account for some emotion, even if he had been an ordinary man. But he was the Nestor of the Bench, whose wisdom inspired the public mind with confidence in our decisions. By this bereavement the court has lost what no time can repair, for we shall never look upon his like again.

"We regard him more as a father than a brother. None of us ever saw the Supreme Court before he was in it; and to some of us his character as a great Judge was familiar even in childhood. The earliest knowledge of the law we had was derived in part from his luminous exposition of it. He was a Judge of the Common Pleas before the youngest of us was born, and was a member of this court long before the oldest was admitted to the Bar. He sat there with 26 different associates of whom 18 preceded him to the grave. For nearly a quarter of a century he was Chief Justice, and when he was nominally superseded by another, as the head of the court, his great learning, venerable character, and overshadowing reputation, still made him the only chief whom the hearts of the people would know. During the long period of his judicial labors he discussed and decided innumerable questions. His opinions are found in no less than 70 volumes of the regular reports.

"At the time of his death he had been longer in office than any contemporary

Judge in the world; and in some points of character he had not his equal on the earth. Such vigor, clearness, and precision of thought was never before united with the same felicity of diction. His written language was a transcript of his mind. It gave the world the very form and pressure of his thoughts. It was accurate, because he knew the exact boundaries of the principles he discussed. His mental visions took in the whole outline and all the details of the case, and with a bold and steady hand he painted what he saw. He made others understand him, because he understood himself. His style was rich, but he never turned out of his way for figures of speech. He never sacrificed sense to sound or preferred ornament to substance. If he reasoned much by comparison, it was not to make his composition brilliant, but clear. He spoke in metaphors often; not because they were sought, but because they came to his mind unbidden. The same vein of happy illustration ran through his conversation and his private letters. I was, most of all, struck with it in a careless memorandum, intended, when it was written, for no eye but his own. He never thought of display, and seemed totally unconscious that he had the power to make any.

"His words were always precisely adapted to the subject. He said neither more nor less than just the thing he ought. He had one faculty of a great poet; that of expressing a thought in language which could never afterwards be paraphrased. When a legal principle passed through his hands, he sent it forth clothed in a dress, which fitted it so exactly that nobody ever presumed to give it any other. Almost universally the syllabus of his opinion is a sentence from itself; and the most heedless student, in looking over Wharton's Digest, can select the cases in which Gibson delivered the judgment, as readily as he would pick out gold coins from among coppers. For this reason it is, that though he was the least voluminous writer of the Court, the citations from him at the Bar are more numerous than from all the rest put together. Yet the men who shared with him the labors and responsibilities of this tribunal, (of course I am not referring to any one who is now here), stood among the foremost in the country for learning and ability. To be their equal was an honor which few could attain; to excel was a most pre-eminent distinction.

"The dignity, richness and purity of his written opinions, was by no means his highest title to admiration. The movements of his mind were as strong as they were graceful. His periods not only pleased the ear but sunk into the mind. He never wearied the reader; but he always exhausted the subject. An opinion of his was an unbroken chain of logic, from beginning to end. His argumentation was always characterized by great power, and sometimes it rose into irresistible energy, dashing opposition to pieces with force like that of a battering-ram. He never missed the point even of a cause which had been badly argued. He separated the chaff from the wheat almost as soon as he got possession of it. The most complicated entanglement of fact and law would be reduced to harmony under his hands. His arrangement was so lucid, that the dullest mind could follow him with that intense pleasure, which we all feel in being able to comprehend the workings of an intellect so manifestly superior.

"Yet he committed errors. It was wonderful that in the course of his long service he did not commit more. A few were caused by inattention; a few by want of time; a few by preconceived notions which led him astray. When he did throw himself into the wrong side of a cause, he usually made an argument which it was much easier to overrule than to answer. But he was of all men the most devoted and earnest lover of truth for its own sake. When subsequent reflection convinced him that he had been wrong, he took the first opportunity to

acknowledge it. He was often the earliest to discover his own mistakes, as well as the foremost to correct them. He was inflexibly honest. The judicial ermine was as unspotted when he laid it aside for the habiliments of the grave, as it was when he first assumed it. I do not mean to award him merely that common-place integrity which it is no honor to have, but simply disgrace to want. He was not only incorruptible, but scrupulously, delicately, conscientiously free from all willful wrong, either in thought, word or deed.

"Next, after his wonderiul intellectual endowments, the benevolence of his heart was the most marked feature of his character. He was a most genial spirit; affectionate and kind to his friends, and magnanimous to his enemies. Benefits received by him were engraved on his memory as on a tablet of brass; injuries were written in sand. He never let the sun go down upon his wrath. A little dash of bitterness in his nature would, perhaps, have given a more consistent tone to his character, and greater activity to his mind. He lacked the quality which Dr. Johnson admired—he was *not* a good hater. His accomplishments were very extraordinary. He was born a musician, and the natural talent was highly cultivated. He was a *connoisseur* in painting and sculpture. The whole round of English literature was familiar to him. He was at home among the ancient classics. He had a perfectly clear perception of all the great truths of natural science. He had studied medicine carefully in his youth and understood it well. His mind absorbed all kinds of knowledge with scarcely an effort.

"Judge Gibson was well appreciated by his fellow-citizens; not so highly as he deserved, for that was scarcely possible. But admiration of his talents and respect for his honesty were universal sentiments. This was strikingly manifested when he was elected in 1851, notwithstanding his advanced age, without partisan connections, with no emphatic political standing, and without manners, habits, or associations calculated to make him popular beyond the circle that knew him intimately. With all these disadvantages, it is said, he narrowly escaped what might have been a dangerous distinction, a nomination on both of the opposing tickets. Abroad he has, for many years, been thought the great glory of his native State. Doubtless the whole Commonwealth will mourn his death; we all have reason to do so. The profession of the law has lost the ablest of its teachers, this Court the brightest of its ornaments, and the people a steadfast defender of their rights, so far as they were capable of being protected by judicial authority. For myself I know no form of words to express my deep sense of the loss we have suffered. I can most truly say of him what was said long ago, concerning one of the few among the mortals who were yet greater than he: 'I did love the man, and do honor his memory, on this side idolatry, as much as any'."

Some Early Physicians—*Dr. Thomas Alexander* was located, 1807 on upper Sugar Creek in the vicinity of Troy. He seems to have had quite an extensive practice in the surrounding country. In 1816 he sold and removed to other parts. *Dr. Ira Lee*, an Englishman, 1813, came into the county to introduce vaccination as a preventive of smallpox. His first stop was at Burlington where he was looked upon as an emissary of Great Britain, commissioned to spread some dreadful disease among the people. He soon left, barely escaping a lynching at the hands of an enraged community. Going to Ulster his new treatment met with more favor but he suddenly disappeared from the place, 1819.

James Grant and *Oratio Grant*, physicians, early followed the other Grants from Vermont to Orwell. The latter was local, while James practiced in the surrounding country and for a short time had an office in Towanda. Both removed after a number of years. *Dr. Almerin Herrick* came to Troy from New York state, 1817. After years of discouragement he built up a fine practice, and was one of the town's most enterprising and worthful citizens. He had been a soldier, War of 1812 and was the first postmaster of the village. He died, 1843 at Troy, survived by his wife Eleanor and children, Delos F., Fidelia M. (Mrs. Allen E. Thomas), DeWitt C., Helen, Lauranth, Juliett and Charles P.

Charles Comstock, son of Enos and Deborah (Kellogg) Comstock, was born September 25, 1795 at Norwalk, Conn. He came to Towanda, 1818 and engaged in merchandising. Under date of July 4, 1818 at Meansville he advertised as follows:

"***Cheap Goods!*** The subscriber offers for sale at the store lately occupied by Col. Harry Spalding, a general assortment of dry goods, groceries, hardware, crockery, tin and hollowware, shoes, hats, iron, etc., etc., on the most reasonable terms for cash or country produce. CHAS. COMSTOCK."

In 1822 he purchased a farm in Litchfield and moved thereto. The stone house, a celebrated land mark, was erected by him. He moved to Athens, 1828 and resumed mercantile pursuits which he conducted many years, in connection with lumbering. He died in Athens, Nov. 7, 1871. Mr. Comstock married Almira, daughter of Col. Joseph Kingsbury (I--238) and had children, H. Stanley, Henrietta (Mrs. Stephen Hopkins), Malcolm and Walter I.

Earl Mastin, a shoemaker by trade, was one of the earliest settlers in the Ghent neighborhood. He and his wife were rare specimens of humanity, sometimes belligerent and as often compromising. On a plain stone slab in the Sheshequin cemetery may be read this inscription: "Here lies Sally Ann, wife of Earl Mastin, who died April 27, 1824, aged 36 yrs., 5 mos. and 27 ds., as I am now so you must be, prepare to die and follow me." Mastin is remembered as being a great fifer. He had sons, Charles and James.

Samuel Needham, a mason by occupation, came to the Towanda-Monroe locality before 1812. He had a son Benjamin who located at Mauch Chunk and became a man of considerable note.

Beardslee—Silas Beardslee, a native of New Milford, Conn. came to Wyalusing creek as a claimant under Connecticut title, 1794. He lived near Stevensville until 1799 then moved into Susquehanna county, settling in Middletown. In 1820, at the age of 59, he was killed by a

fall from a load of hay, leaving a wife, three sons and five daughters. One of the sons, *John*, born June 12, 1808, settled in Warren township and was one of the most successful and prominent men in the county. In 1864 he was elected and served a term as county commissioner. He married Adaline, daughter of Theron Darling and had a son, Randolph L. and one daughter.

DeWolf—Near the close of the 18th century Charles DeWolf came with his family from Pomfret, Conn. to Mehoopany, Wyoming county. The DeWolfs were of French origin and being Huguenots were expelled from that country on account of their religious opinions. They took refuge in Holland whence they emigrated to America. Two sons of Charles, Elisha and Giles settled in Pike township, the former in 1817 and the latter, 1824,

Elisha married Lucy Allen and had three children: *Lyman E.* who married Matilda Pratt, was register and recorder, 1846 to '49, removed to Chicago, practiced law and died, 1887; *Giles N.* married 1st Emeline Buffington, 2nd Mrs. Eliza Lott and lived to remarkable old age; *Elizabeth* married Eugene Keeler.

Deacon Giles married Betsy, daughter of Willard Spalding, a pioneer from Vermont. They had 13 children, nine of whom reached matured years as follows: *Eliza* was twice married, each time to a Mr. Stone; *Calvin* went West, read law and for a time was a partner with his cousin, Lyman E. in Chicago; died 1899; *Fanny* married David Brink; *Elias* died in young manhood; *James* was a physician; *Charles* married Clarinda Taylor; *Luther* married a Dewey; *Ellen* married Dr. George Northrup; *Clement* married a Beecher and removed to Chicago. In 1857 Deacon DeWolf removed to Carroll county, Ill., his family having all grown up and married and nearly all having settled in the West. He died, 1865 and his wife, 1872. Mr. DeWolf was one of the champions of the anti-slavery party in Bradford county.

Consider Wood, soldier of the Revolution, enlisted February 9, 1777 in Rhode Island under Capt. Joshua Benson in the regiment commanded by Col. Rufus Putnam of the Massachusetts line and served until Feby. 9, 1780 when he was discharged at the Highlands, N. Y. He participated in the battle of Bemis Heights and the skirmishes resulting in the capture of Burgoyne. After the war he settled in Dutchess county, N. Y. where, 1785, he married Mary Adams. About 1813 he removed with his family to Pike township and there resided until his death, Feby. 25, 1822, aged 64 years. Both he and his wife rest in the LeRaysville cemetery. They were the parents of five sons, all expert woodsmen, and six daughters as follows: *Susannah* married Da-

vid Codding, was the mother of six children, the late Col. John A. Codding being the fourth; died in Pike, Aug. 19, 1874, aged 88 years. *Polly* married John McAlpine and lived in Columbia county, N. Y. *Josiah* married Maria Prentice and lived in Pike; was a soldier, War of 1812. *Aaron* married Cornelia Carpenter of Ovid, N. Y. and resided in Pike; had five sons and six daughters; four of the sons were soldiers in in Civil War. *Abigail* married Augustus Adams of Mehoopany, Pa. *David* married Amy Wells and had three sons and five daughters; lived in Pike. *Lucy* married Russell Very of Bridgewater, Susq. Co. *Abner* married Harriet, sister of Amy Wells and lived in Pike. *Platt* married Lydia Chaapel and resided in Pike. *Deborah* died unmarried and *Rebecca* in childhood.

William Marsh, son of Joseph and Abigail (Waldo) Marsh, born Jany. 15, 1783 at New Milford, Conn., emigrated to Pike township, 1817. He purchased a large tract of land which he continued to improve until his death in 1856. He married 1st Rachel Nichols and had children, Elliott, Wealthy, Cordelia and Amy; married 2nd Martha Nichols, sister of his first wife, and had children, Rachel, Lois, Aden, Lucy, Joseph H., Isaac and Hannah. Children married as follows: *Elliott* to Almira Roberts, Pike; *Wealthy* to E. B. Mintz, Herrick; *Cordelia* to E. B. Mintz, Herrick; *Amy* to M. D. F. Hines, Herrick; *Rachel* to John Bolles, Pike; *Lois* to Davis D. Black, Tuscarora; *Aden* to Elvira Payne, Enfield, Conn.; *Lucy* to Daniel C. Miller, Wilmot; *Joseph H.* to 1st Eliza A. Stevens, to 2nd Harriet Lines, to 3rd Sarah M. Carey; *Isaac* to Florantha Keeler, Herrick; *Hannah* to Gould Stevens, Orwell.

Baldwin—John Baldwin came from England, 1638 and lived at Guilford, Conn. where, April 12, 1653, he married, Hannah, daughter of Thomas Birchard. In 1660 he removed to Norwich and was one of the original proprietors of that place. His children were John, Hannah, Sarah and Thomas. Thomas, born 1662, married Abigail Lay of Lyme. They had eight children of whom the fourth was John, born March 8, 1704; he married, May 30, 1734, Lucy Metcalf of Lebanon, Conn. They had seven children, Jabez, who settled in Bradford county, being the youngest.

Jabez Baldwin, born Jany. 11, 1754, served in the Revolutionary war as follows: "December 20, 1775 enlisted at Winchendon, Mass. in 8-months' service, serving until Jany. 1, 1776 when he enlisted in the company of Capt. John Jones in the regiment commanded by Col. James Reed of the New Hampshire line and served one year; February, 1779 enlisted at Lebanon, N. H. in the company of Capt. Joseph

Taylor in the regiment commanded by Col. Timothy Beedle of the New Hampshire line and served one year; was in the siege of Boston and the battle of Bennington, the latter when he was under a 2-months' engagement." In 1815 Mr. Baldwin removed with his family from Massachusetts to Bradford county, settling on a farm between Troy and Columbia X Roads. Here he died May 10, 1825. His wife was Nancy Tilden, who died June 9, 1820, aged 56 years. Both inhumed in Glenwood cemetery, Troy. Their children were Charles Tilden, William (?), Lucy, Phebe, Thomas and John. *Lucy* married Ebenezer Preston of Troy; *Phebe* married Rufus Baldwin, her cousin, and came to Troy; *Thomas* married Lucy Hudson Smith of Troy and had children, Lucy Ann, Washington, Jane Electa and Charles Tilden who married Electa White and had children, John, William, Edward and Ida; *John* married Lois Webber.

Alvah Churchill, a native of Berkshire county, Mass. and tinsmith by occupation, 1817, came to Granville township and pursued his trade. His wife was Aurelia, daughter of Elisha Andrus and their children, Achsah (Mrs. Dunham Ross), Calvin W., Amanda (Mrs. Harry Bailey) and Fayette. *Calvin W.*, who was a successful farmer in Granville, married 1st Laura Holcomb, 2nd Mrs. Mehitable (Ralyea) Gee; children, Olney, Lutilia (Mrs. Hollis A. Holcomb) and Martha (Mrs. D. S. Sherman).

Joseph Gladding, a native of Barrington, R. I. emigrated to Bradford county, 1816, first stopping in Smithfield then settling permanently in Columbia, 1817. He cleared and improved a large farm where he died, 1880 in his 90th year. He married Marcy, daughter of Asa Bullock, and had children, Jerusha B. (Mrs. James M. Edsall), Emeline I. (Mrs. E. P. Shaw), Joseph N., Viall A., William P. and Charles E., register and recorder, 1869-'72.

Sharts (Shartz)—Soon after 1800 Dr. John Paul Sharts located at Wyalusing for the practice of medicine. According to family tradition, he was called outside the county to assist during an epidemic and never after heard of, leaving a wife, one son and nine daughters. Mrs. Sharts died with her son in Wilmot; one of the daughters married a Bradshaw, another a Taylor and a third a Winslow, the others going to other parts.

John Sharts, only son of Dr. John P. Sharts, early settled in Wilmot on the farm now occupied by his grandson William and there remained until his death. He married Polly, daughter of Joseph Preston (I—288) and had 11 children as follows: *Betsy* married Ira Corbin, Warren; *Sally* married Daniel Folk, Warren; *Ellen* married

W. T. Grant, Wilmot; *Lorinda* married Warren Page, Wilmot; *Mary* married John P. Ely, Wilmot; *John P.* married Lovina Santee, Wilmot; *Mrs. Thos. C. McCafferty*, Wilmot; *Mrs. Ezra Kinney*, Braintrim; *Mrs. David Thurston*, Wilmot; *Mrs. Sutton*, Wilmot; *Joseph* died a young man, unmarried.

Simeon Bristol, or "Uncle Sim Bristol," as he was familiarly known, was one of Monroe's most interesting characters (1818). Whence he came is uncertain, but for seven years he claimed to have been among the Seneca Indians and learned their mysteries in the healing art. He is described as a thick-set, well-built man of genial face, full of fun, enterprise and pleasant mischief. He was steady, sober, honest and with all the rest possessed nerve. He was a distiller by occupation and operated the distillery for Fowler Brothers. He was a bachelor, lived alone and took great comfort with his hounds, a number of which he kept for the chase. "His hounds were always ready for a race and at times would break away from their fastenings and take a race to themselves without Uncle Sim's being present to superintend the hunt. The man that was in luck and killed the deer was expected to feed the dogs and render the skin to Uncle Sim, reserving the rest of the game and all was right." Finally Mr. Bristol married a Miss Wilcox of Franklin and moved up Towanda creek where he died.

George Vibbert, a native of Connecticut and soldier, War of 1812, born July 4, 1798, came to Sheshequin about 1818. He married Betsy, daughter of Richard Horton. Their children were Eliza Ann (Mrs. Perrin Shores), Richard, James, William, Ethelinda (Mrs. Stephen Bidlack) and Mary E. (Mrs. John Chandler). Mr. Bidlack died Nov. 20, 1863, and his wife (b July 21, 1802), Sept. 15, 1885.

Benjamin Corson came from the East to Monroe, 1817 and in 1820 settled in Albany. He saw hard times, indeed. "He made pine shingles and drew them on ox-sleds out to Homet's where they were exchanged for corn and pork; and it was with some difficulty that the stock of provisions was made to last until another load of shingles could be taken to market." He died in 1852, aged 87 and his wife, Betsy Smith, in 1842, aged 74 years. Their children were George, Samuel, Oliver, Richard, Betsy, Vinson, Ichabod and Thomas.

Simeon Chapman, b May 12, 1799, came from Rensselaer county, N. Y. to Albany, 1817, assisted in the building of the turnpike and afterwards took up a farm where he died Nov. 11, 1868. He married Polly (b Apr. 3, 1802, d Mch. 22, 1879), daughter of John Nichols. Their children were Sylvester, Nelson, John, Lyman, Lucy, Elias, Levi and Charles.

John Nichols, a native of Connecticut, who was an expert basket-maker, came to Bradford county, first stopping on Gregg Hill and afterwards, 1818, moving to Albany where he purchased and improved a farm. In 1842 he sold and moved to Smithfield and there died, 1849, aged 72 years. He married Margaret, daughter of Robert Potter and had children, Sally, Isaac, Polly, Elsie, James, John, George, Kelsey, Julia Ann and Marian.

Jacob Eddy who had married a daughter of John Nichols came to Albany with him, 1818 and settled permanently. His children were Robert, Alfred, Madison, Washington, Sally, Dency, Martha and Ruth.

John Pierce—The wife of Col. Samuel Satterlee of Smithfield was Eunice, daughter of John Pierce. Soon after her birth her father removed from Connecticut to the Wyoming valley where he was killed in the battle of July 3, 1778. Her mother escaped with little Eunice, then aged about 18 months, to the mountains and partly led and partly carried her through the wilderness for sixty miles to the settlements on the Delaware river, whence they returned to Connecticut. She married another John Pierce, a Revolutionary soldier, who came to Bradford county about 1801, and by him had one son, John L. Pierce, who died in Smithfield at an advanced age. The patriot father died in Athens township as will be seen from the following which appeared in the *Northern Banner:* "Another Revolutionary patriot gone—died at the house of John Griffin in Athens on Friday, Nov. 14, 1834, John Pierce in the 82nd year of his age, much lamented by his relatives and numerous friends." He is supposed to have been buried at Milan but his grave is unknown and unmarked.

David Allen was a descendant in the fourth generation from James Allen, who it is supposed came from Scotland, 1639, and settled at Medfield, Mass. David removed from Massachusetts to Halifax, Vt. He married Experience Streeter and had several children of whom David, Joel, Jonathan, Ruth and Eunice came to Bradford county. After some of his children had settled in Smithfield he came also. Being an invalid he was brought all the way from Vermont on a bed in a sleigh, March 1818, by his son Joel. He was a man of strong character, a zealous Baptist and exercised a splendid influence in the community. His death occurred in 1825.

David Jr., who had married Abigail Goodenough, removed from Vermont to Smithfield, 1818. He was a mason and farmer; died in Smithfield, 1839. Children and marriages follow: *Asa* to Lucy Graves; *Ezra* to Lydia Chamberlain; *Lewis* to Martha Carnegie; *Tabitha*

to 1st —— Wilcox to 2nd, John Lyon; *Abigail* to 1st, James Gates, to 2nd, David Nye; *Jonathan* to Anna Chamberlain; *Polly* to Stephen Wilcox; *Betsy* and *David* died unmarried.

Joel married Lydia Tucker, came to Smithfield, 1818, died 1875, aged 87 years, leaving children, Joel C., Lydia M., Amos T. and Mrs. Mary Harris.

Jonathan married 1st, Lois Califf (p 215), 2nd Eunice Smith; lived in South Creek and Smithfield; died 1844, aged 78 years. In his will, provided for wife, adopted daughter, Mrs. Lydia Hall, Prudy Balster, Alvan T. Allen, and brother, Joel Allen.

Ruth married Stephen Califf (p 215), was the mother of 12 children, died in Smithfield, 1847, aged 77 years.

Eunice married Jonathan Hall, died in Smithfield.

There was another David Allen, not of this family, who had settled in Smithfield in or before 1813. He died March 15, 1833, aged 69 years.

Conrad Hartman, a Hessian and very worthy man, came to Smithfield about 1816. He served under Colonel Rahl and was taken prisoner at Trenton where the colonel was killed in December, 1776. When his comrades returned to Germany he concealed himself in a chimney and remained there until the shipping left the harbor. He married in this country and had a son and daughter. The son enlisted in the American army and was killed on the Niagara frontier, War of 1812. His daughter, Almira, married Calvin Cranmer with whom he died, March, 1828, in Smithfield.

King—Capt. John King came from England, 1649, and settled at Northampton, Mass. He married Sarah Holton and they were the parents of nine sons and three daughters. Their youngest son Jonathan married Mary French of Deerfield, who when 9 years old, was taken captive by the Indians and carried to Canada, but afterwards redeemed. Jonathan and Mary King had six sons and two daughters. Gideon, the youngest son, born at Bolton (afterwards Vernon) Conn., married Charity Tucker. They had two sons and two daughters of whom Salmon was third.

Rev. Salmon King, son of Gideon and Charity (Tucker) King, was born Oct. 4, 1771 at Vernon, Conn. He was graduated at Yale college in 1796, made a public profession of religion, 1797, was licensed to preach, 1798 and ordained, Nov. 5, 1800 at Orford, Conn. He was pastor of the First Church of Manchester at Orford, eight years, and from 1810-'14 preached at Greensboro, Vt. In 1814 he removed to Warren township, Bradford county. and Sept. 5, 1815, the Church of

Orwell and Warren (Congregational, changed to Presbyterian, 1824) was organized by him and Rev. John Bascom with 8 members. At this time the country was sparsely settled and Rev. King shared with his people the inconvenience of a home in the wilderness. There were no roads and wheel-vehicles were curiosities. On alternate Sabbaths the pastor rode 10 miles on horse-back, the way being indicated by marked trees, to preach in Orwell. Services were first held in a log school-house then in a frame school-house until finally a church was erected in which he continued to minister until his death. "Rev. King was a plain, primitive man, somewhat eccentric. His talents, piety and worth placed him on an eminence. He was remarkable in particular for his prompt performance of duty. No weather kept him from the place of meeting." His death occurred April 15, 1839, much lamented by the church and congregation. Mr. King married 1st Mary Adams Isham and had children, Mary and Catherine; Mrs. King died, 1809, and he married 2nd, Mary, daughter of John and Abigail (Butler) Ames of Wethersfield, Conn., who was born Jany. 5, 1780 and died Sept. 15, 1821 in Warren; they had children, Salmon, William, Harriet, Abigail Ames and Jane; married 3rd, Mrs. Eunice (Talmadge) Hinman, May 28, 1822, no issue. Children married as follows:

Mary, b April 12, 1805, married, Nov. 10, 1829, Hiram Stevens of Pike, died April 29, 1892 in Orwell; children, Mary A. I. (Mrs. Edward C. Bull), Harriet K. (Mrs. Hampton Champlin) and Salmon R.

Catherine, b Dec. 18, 1806, died Jany. 4, 1850 at Stevensville.

Salmon, b Dec. 20, 1809, married, Oct. 21, 1834, Mary Ann C. Pitcher of Warren, died Oct. 31, 1887 on the homestead in Warren; one child, William Edgar.

William, b Sept. 14, 1811, married Sept. 7, 1840, Eliza Wynkoop of Saugerites, N. Y., died Feby. 15, 1879 near Planeville, N. Y.; children, Charles A., Mary S. and John S.

Harriet, b Aug. 27, 1813, died July 30, 1834 in Warren.

Abigail A., b Feby. 3, 1817, married, July 9, 1845, William S. Bates of New Hartford Center, Conn., died March 7, 1872; children, Mary E. and Juliette.

Jane, b Sept. 15, 1821, was the last survivor of the family.

John Kneeland, a native of Milton, Mass., served his country faithfully, both on land and sea, during the Revolutionary war. In May, 1780, while residing at Braintree, he enlisted as a private under Capt. John Calender in the regiment commanded by Col. John Crane of the Massachusetts line and served 6 months. In April, 1781, he became a

seaman under Capt. John Cathcart on the ship *Essex* and in June of the same year was captured by the British. He was confined at Kinsalo, Ireland 4 months, then taken to England and kept until 1783. It is also claimed that Mr. Kneeland was one of the party of 50 men and boys, dressed like Indians, who on the night of Dec. 16, 1773, dumped 340 chests of tea into Boston harbor. He was given a pension under the act of 1832. In about 1816 he removed to Rome, Bradford county, settling the place known as the Harry Clark farm. He had married Miriam Baker of Boston. They had three children, two of whom died in early childhood, the third, *Anna*, married Hiram Frost of Rome. Mrs. Kneeland died Sept. 9, 1836, aged 70 years, and her patriot husband, noted for his exalted Christian character, August 21, 1851 in his 87th year. Both inhumed in the Rome cemetery.

Benoni Hulett from Schoharie, N. Y. located in Litchfield in or before 1808 and there resided until his death about 1825. He had sons, John, Ira, Lewis, Samuel and Benoni. After their father's death most of the family went to Ohio. *Samuel* remained in Athens township and died there, 1863, survived by his wife, Hannah and children, Nehemiah, Joel, Samuel, Jr., Rufus King, John, Peter (dec'd), Mrs. Maria Vangorder, Mrs. Catharine Merrill, Mrs. Almina Rolinson and Mrs. Philomelia Lawrence.

Zenas Cleveland, who had served in the War of 1812, came to Litchfield, 1816 and there resided until his death in 1873, aged 94 years. He was unfortunate, being for many years bedridden and blind.

Struble Family—Richard Struble was one of the early settlers of Litchfield. His son Richard located at Bumpville in Rome township. The latter married Huldah, daughter of Russell Gibbs and had children, Henry, David, Phœbe, Sally Ann and Precilla; married 2nd, Lucy Gibbs, sister of his first wife and had children, Daniel, Louisa, Horace, James, John, Ralph, Jacob and Huldah. The daughters married as follows: Phœbe to Joshua Merrill; Sally Ann to Hezekiah Townsend; Precilla to Abraham Campbell; Louisa to W. M. Vibbert; Huldah to 1st Elias Warner to 2nd a Mr. Brush. Mr. Struble and his wives died at Bumpville and are buried there.

Nathaniel Viall, who was a soldier War of 1812, came to Terry township about 1813. Before coming hither from New York state he had married a Miss Wilson by whom he had six sons and a daughter. His wife died and the children lived with their grandparents who afterwards moved to Ohio. June 24, 1814 Mr. Viall again married at Terrytown, Hannah Gaskell and had children, Francis, Charles and Debo-

rah. The locality settled by him and his sons is still known as "Viall Hill." Here both Mr. and Mrs. Viall died and are inhumed in Terrytown cemetery.

Thomas Warner, a native of Connecticut, who had served his country in the struggle for Independence, removed from Schuyler county, N. Y. to Wells township about 1823. Here he continued to reside until his death, March, 1840, aged 84 years. His remains rest in the Coryland cemetery. He had seven children as follows: *Truman B.* married Mabel Leonard, settled in Wells and died there; *Hiram* married Adelia Wright located in Columbia and died there; *James* married Mahala Frost lived and died in Wells; *Jeris* married Jane Roushy of Tioga county, N. Y.; *Ruth* married Amos Baker of Tioga county, Pa.; *Horace*; *Joseph*.

Ebenezer Cory, a native of Vermont, who had served his country in the struggle for Independence, settled in Columbia township in 1814. His record of service is contained in his affidavit of Sept. 11, 1820 asking for the benefits of a pension as follows: "That he the said Ebenezer Cory, aged 66 years, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war in the company commanded by Capt. Wm. H. Ballard of Colonel Brooks' regiment, the 7th Massachusetts; that he has no trade, follows farming chiefly, but from age and bodily infirmity is almost unable to pursue said occupation; has living with him his wife, Joanna, aged 65 years and infirm like himself, and also a son, Ebenezer, aged 33 years, totally helpless from palsy." Mr. Cory died in Columbia but when, and where he is buried we are unable to state. In 1840 his wife was living with her son, Ebenezer, and drew a widow's pension.

John Budd, a native of Maine and ship-builder by trade, came to Columbia township, 1816 and settled permanently. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and his record of service is given in his affidavit of May 10, 1830 as follows: "That he the said John Budd, aged 67 years, resident in Columbia township, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, enlisting as a private at Crampon, Dutchess county, N. Y., 1779, in Captain Post's company of infantry in Colonel Shepard's regiment and General Glover's brigade of the Massachusetts line; that he continued to serve in said regiment for the term of one year when he was honorably discharged at Peekskill, N. Y.; that he also served occasionally in the militia and was in the battle of White Plains and at the taking of Ft. Montgomery; trade and occupation has been that of a carpenter but has been unable to work for several years by reason of rheumatism; family consists of himself and wife,

aged 55 years, who has usual health." Mr. Budd was given a pension. He died June 19, 1845, aged 83 years upon his farm in Columbia and was there inhumed in the family plot. His wife, Polly, died Dec. 25, 1841, aged 66 years. Their children were Polly, Philaria, Albion, Thomas, Helon and Achsah, who married as follows: *Polly* to Phineas Clark; *Philaria* to Daniel Watkins; *Achsah* to William Smith; *Helon* to Adelia Ingalls; *Albion* to 1st Aminta, daughter of Peter Gernert and had children, Anna (Mrs. Stephen Wilbur), Emma (Mrs. John Van-Wirt), Albion, Harriet (Mrs. Frank Parsons), Deborah and Loudon; married 2nd Celestia Parsons and had children, Mary (Mrs. Williard Harris) and Sophia. Mr. Budd died, 1856, aged 58 years.

William Salisbury, a native of Boston, born, 1758, was one of the party who assisted in destroying the tea on British vessels in Boston harbor in 1773. He early joined the patriot army and was in Montgomery's expedition against Canada. He participated in the assault on Quebec, where Montgomery was killed. In after years when describing this engagement he was wont to repeat the words of encouragement which he heard Montgomery give to his troops. After the war he became a Baptist minister and about 1824 came to Springfield township, where some of the family had previously settled. He preached in Springfield and at Wellsburg, N. Y. His death occurred, 1844 and his remains rest in the Leona cemetery. His wife was Hannah Brown by whom he had children, William, Charles, Seth, Hannah, Lydia, Fanny, Mary and Betsy. *William* died in Georgia, unmarried; *Charles* and *Lydia*, unmarried, died in Springfield; *Seth* married Lydia Hill, aunt of Governor Hill of N. Y. He studied medicine and practiced many years at Smithfield. In 1845 he was appointed State Librarian by Governor Shunk and served four years. A few years before his death he moved to Wellsburg, N. Y. where he was postmaster. *Hannah* married William Grace (p 102) and died in Springfield. *Fanny* married Chauncy Guthrie of Chenango county, N. Y., died in Springfield. *Mary* married Dr. W. K. Hopkins of New York state. *Betsy* married Hosea Marsh of Phelps, N. Y.

Warren Brown, who had married Ruth, daughter of Joseph Kinney of Sheshequin, located at Towanda about 1817. He built what was known as the "County House" and for a time kept hotel. From 1826 to '30 he was commissioners' clerk. In the 30's he removed to Illinois with his family.

Dr. John N. Weston, a native of Norwich, Conn., born Feby. 12, 1794, made his advent into Bradford county in the winter of 1813-14, instructing in the art of penmanship, but remained only until the

following spring. Afterwards, he studied medicine and began practicing at Huntington, Pa., where in 1822, he was joined in marriage with Miss Mary Dodson, a distant relative of Benjamin Franklin. In the autumn of 1823 Dr. Weston came to Towanda "where he soon acquired an extensive practice and a large circle of personal friends, which his amenity of manners in all his personal and professional intercourse was well calculated to increase. Wholly unselfish in his disposition, instead of coldly performing his professional duties it seemed rather a work of love for him to alleviate the ills of others. He never spared his strength or health, or avoided exposure to wet or cold, when a suffering patient needed his aid —never refusing to attend a call when able to reach his patient. It may be safely said that there has seldom been a physician more attentive to his patients, more kind and prudent and withal more successful." In 1842 Dr. Weston was made the Whig candidate for sheriff and his great personal popularity won him the election over Chester Thomas, the celebrated politician, who was the Democratic and majority candidate. His death occurred in Towanda, March 12, 1848. Mrs. Weston survived her husband half a century, dying at a very advanced age. Their children were *Mary* (Mrs. O. D. Bartlett); *Eliza* (Mrs. T. F. Madill); *Martha*, never married; *Henry* who practiced dentistry in Towanda and Philadelphia; *Dorsey* practiced law in Wisconsin, served in the Civil War, spent his last years in Monroe.

Stephen Wilson, a native of Vermont, who was the first settler in Bridgewater township and one of the early commissioners of Susquehanna county, sold or traded properties with Zachariah Price and came to Wysox in 1819. In 1823 he removed to Allegheny county, N. Y. where he died April 15, 1848, aged 76 years.

Robert Moore, the first settler on Moore's Hill in Ulster and from whom the hill takes its name came with his wife and two children from Williamsport, Pa. in 1821. Upon locating in the wilderness he cut the first tree on his farm and erected a log house for his family. He was without means and his privations and hardships were many. After years of toil when he had begun to live in comfort his house took fire and was destroyed together with everything including clothing. Without a shilling in money the family lived in the barn for a time and began the struggle over again. In time, however, with the assistance of his sons Mr. Moore cleared a large farm and spent his closing years in peace and plenty. He died June 12, 1863 in his 77th year, and his wife, Mary, in 1868, aged 78 years. Their children were Ethan B., Abraham G., Mrs. Jane Hovey, Mrs. Julia Ann Brooks, Mrs. Sarah

Pettes, Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary, the last named dying in childhood.

Simeon Rockwell, born Sept. 2, 1793, near New London, Conn., after serving with the Connecticut troops in the War of 1812, came to Rome township, 1815. In those days it was long before news reached the people, and Mr. Rockwell used to relate that all the towns through which he passed on his westward journey, "were illuminated in commemoration of peace." Upon locating in Rome, Mr. Rockwell at first worked at cabinet making and then engaged in farming which he followed till the close of his life. Nov. 23, 1817, he married Catherine, daughter of Henry Lent, who was reared by her aunt, Mrs. Godfrey Vought. Mr. Rockwell was a man of energy, successful in his business undertakings and accumulated a considerable property. He died Oct. 7, 1854, and his wife, born Dec. 25, 1798, died Feby. 25, 1880. Their children and marriages follow: *Deborah* to Danford Chaffee; *Henry D.* to Clarissa Allis; *Margaret* to George Vincent; *Almira* to Dr. Enoch Towner; *Catharine* died in childhood; *Fernando C.* to 1st Mary Ennis, to 2nd Margaret Weller; *Arthur L.* to Mary J. Beers; *Simeon G.* to Chloe Dimock; *William P.* to Frances M. High. Three of the brothers, Fernando, Simeon and William were soldiers in the Civil War.

Alexander Howden, a weaver by occupation, who had served in the American army five years, spent his last days in Athens. In his affidavit of Sept. 11, 1820 he sets forth as follows: "He the said Alexander Howden, aged 73 years, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows; that he enlisted as a private soldier at Peakskill under Captain Lewis in a regiment commanded by Colonel Owen in the Continental establishment and continued in the service 5 years and was discharged at Greenish, R. I.; that he was in the engagements at Long Island, White Plains, Red Bank, Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth, and at Newport under Sullivan; that he is a weaver and has a wife 78 years old." It appears that Mr. Howden lived in Athens township, east of the river above the narrows. His first wife having died, in 1830 he married "Old Mother Northrup" as she was known, then 98 years old and he 83. Mr. Howden died at Athens about 1833.

Solomon Talladay, a native of Connecticut, served in the Revolutionary war as a private 9 months, active service, in the 5th regiment of New York state troops, commanded by Col. Lewis Dubois under Captain Rosencrans. He was in General Sullivan's campaign against the Indians, 1779, and received a wound in one of his legs. After the war he appears to have lived at different places, finally moving from

near Canandaigua, N. Y. in the 20's to Athens, where he continued to reside until his death, Feby. 14, 1839, aged 81 years. He was buried with military honors, "a salute of musketry being fired over his grave" in the Village cemetery at Athens. Mr. Talladay married Chloe Couch, their children being, *Cynthia*, who married and removed West; *Arletta Lucretia* married Samuel Northrup and resided in Athens; *Polly* married Joseph Barber of Corning, N. Y.; *John* lived in Corning. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and is the only case we have of father being in the war of '76 and son in war of 1861 to '65.

Peck—This family was of the old English gentry. Joseph Peck, the founder of the family in America, "with three sons, one daughter, two men-servants and two maid-servants, emigrated from Ipswich, 1638 and settled at Hingham, R. I."

Hezekiah Peck, a descendant of Joseph, came from Warren, R. I. to Smithfield, 1817, purchased the Zephaniah Eames improvements and engaged in farming. He was a man of sterling character. At his death in 1854 he was survived by his wife, Abigail, and children, Sally G. (Mrs. Waldron), William, Hezekiah Mason and Peleg.

William settled in Iowa.

Peleg, b December, 1798, married Nov. 3, 1821, Lydia C. Hunter, settled in Columbia, engaged in farming and lumbering, died Feby. 22, 1875. Their children were Hezekiah, Peleg, Francis, Thomas, George M., Abbie E. and Mrs. Josephine Mosher.

Hezekiah M. married, Sept. 26, 1821, Ruth, daughter of Benjamin Hale, and engaged in farming, milling and manufacturing in Smithfield. Mrs. Peck died, 1867 and he in 1872. Their children were Frances C. (Mrs. George White), Mary W. (Mrs. Clark M. Stanley), Sophia C. (Mrs. J. H. Shoemaker), George S., William A. and Benjamin M. The sons were all soldiers in the Civil War and men of mark. *George S.* was captain of Company G, 57th P. V., mechanic and dentist; *William A.* was a noted surgeon in the army and afterwards an eminent lawyer; *Benjamin M.* see below:

Benjamin M. Peck, son of Hezekiah M. and Ruth (Hale) Peck and the 11th judge of Bradford county, was born October 5, 1838 in Smithfield. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, the East Smithfield academy and the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute at Towanda. In 1858 he began reading law with Col. Elhanan Smith of Towanda and was admitted to practice in the several courts of Bradford county in September, 1860. He immediately opened an office at the county-seat and was actively engaged in his profession until August, 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company B, 141st P. V. However, upon the organization of the company he was made 1st sergeant and inside of nine months was its commanding officer. He was with his company from Fredericksburg to Chancellorsville and performed his part with great credit and bravery.

Benj. W. Peck

May 3, 1863, on that part of the Chancellorsville battle-field, known as Hazel Grove, he was severely wounded by a minie ball, which passed through his neck and shoulder, just missing his spinal column and jugular vein. As soon as his wound would admit, he left the hospital, went to the front and on July 7, '63, took command of his company. In the Wilderness campaign he distinguished himself in heroic deeds. At Spottsylvania, May 12, '64, just in the gray of the morning the enemy were surprised and 4,000 of their number taken prisoner. Here it was that Captain Peck rushed upon a rebel officer and made him surrender without ceremony. Having taken his sword and revolver (a Colt's six-shooter, all the chambers of which were loaded) the rebel colonel, as was thought at that time, was ordered to the rear. Subsequent investigation determined that the officer captured by Captain Peck was either Major-General Edward Johnson or Brigadier-General George H, Stuart of the Confederate army. Captain Peck remained with his command until Oct 4, '64 when he was detailed to command the 1st Battalion of the 1st U. S. Sharpshooters (Berdan's). January 14, '65 he was appointed by Maj.-Gen. Humphreys assistant commissary of musters of the 3rd Division, 2nd Army corps on the staff of Maj.-Gen. G. Mott and remained in this position until mustered out, May 28, '65

At the close of the war Captain Peck returned to Towanda and resumed the practice of his profession. In 1872 he was elected prothonotary of Bradford county and re-elected to the same office in 1875, proving an efficient and popular officer. He was a director, vice president and president of the Citizens National Bank. In 1879 he formed a co-partnership with D'A. Overton which continued till 1891. In 1890 he was the fusion candidate for President Judge and after the most spirited political contest in the history of the county was elected. Judge Morrow having died a few days before the expiration of his term, Mr. Peck was appointed to fill the vacancy, his term commencing on the 5th of January following. He at once entered upon his duties and threw himself into his work with great vigor. He was making a splendid record as judge until 1896 when he was seized with a peculiar malady which gradually tore down his fine constitution. He consulted the most eminent physicians in the country and while his energy and pride would not let him yield, there was no hope. The disease became deeper seated and every relapse left him much weaker, till death at last claimed its victim, September 9, 1899.

Judge Peck was a true patriot. He loved his country and though entitled to a large pension would never accept one. He delighted to talk with "his boys" over their war experiences, and they loved and esteemed him, as a father his son. Only ten days before his death, in paying tribute to the memory of his dear old commander, he said: "General Madill has only preceded us, for in a short time we must all follow." Prophetic words, for sure enough, he was the next to answer the summons of the Great Commander. Judge Peck was a man of noble traits of character. In the language of one who knew him long and intimately—"he was one of nature's noblemen." Many hearts were gladdened by his acts of charity and good advice. He was a Christian both by example and precept. Always conscientious, if he made a mistake, it was of judgment, not of heart. Early in life he joined the Methodist Episcopal church, was an active worker and one of the most liberal contributors. For years he served in the capacity of trustee, class leader and Sunday school superintendent. Judge Peck was truly a noble man, and those who knew him best loved him most. In 1863 he was joined in marriage with Miss Sarah H. Watkins of Athens who with a son and a daughter survive (1914).

Other Early Columbia Settlers – *William Rose* from Vermont located in the town about 1800. In 1815 he transferred his title to Martin Rose. *Samuel Baldwin* was a settler in or before 1807. He purchased Drinker lands and became a thrifty pioneer. Other Baldwins, evidently of the same family, in Columbia, 1820, were John, Rufus and Thomas. *James Lamb*, a Scotchman, who had married Sarah Oaks, came in 1808. He subsequently moved to LeRoy where he died, 1853, survived by children, Charles H., Mrs. Mary Mallory, Mattie Rebecca (Mrs. Benj. S. Tears), Mrs. Sally Parkhurst and Mrs. Saloma Hammond. *Solomon Hakes* was in the town before 1812. Others of this family were Beebe, David, James and Solomon S. Hakes. *Ami Collins* and *Harvey Harris* came as settlers in 1812, and *Cornelius* and *Nicholas Mosher* in 1816. *Dr. Stephen Fowler*, for many years an eminent and successful practitioner, located in the town, 1815. *Ebenezer Smith*, a shoemaker, who had married Polly Pattee, moved from Vermont to Columbia, 1819. Here he died, 1842, aged 71 and his wife, 1855, aged 84 years. Their children were Nancy (Mrs. John Lilley), Dummer and Thomas.

Jared Norton was a descendant of the Nortons who came from England and settled in Connecticut in Colonial days. He and one brother served in the Revolutionary war in a company commanded by a Captain Norton. In 1828 Mr. Norton removed to Bradford county, spending his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Griffin in Sheshequin. Under date of March 1, 1831 a pension certificate was issued to him bearing the signatures of Lewis Cass, secretary of war and J. L. Edwards, commissioner of pensions. He passed away June 2, 1842, aged 85 years and 6 months, and his remains repose in the Sheshequin cemetery. Mr. Norton had married in Connecticut a Miss Bidlack by whom he had the following children: *Sarah*, b Oct. 2, 1788, married Reuben Griffin, died in Sheshequin; *Abigail*, b Feby. 11, 1791, married a Mr. Bishop; *John B.*, b Dec. 25, 1793; *Enos A.*, b May 16, 1796; *Lucretia*, b March 26, 1799, married Wm. Verbeck, died in Wisconsin; *William*, b Dec. 25, 1801, married Sarah Verbeck.

Silas Washburn, a native of Vermont, who as a young man was a sailor, served his country in the struggle for Independence. Some of his family having found their way into Bradford county, after the death of his wife, he came also settling in Windham township. Here he continued to reside until his death, about 1837, aged over 80 years. His remains repose in the Windham cemetery. He had the following children: *Isaiah* married and lived in Windham, died Sept. 17, 1856 in his 79th year; *Betsey* never married, kept house for her father; *Per-*

cilla married Abel Cheney and lived in Windham; *Sally* married Ziba Hotchkiss of Windham; *Abial* also married and lived in Windham; *Polly*; *Reuben*, *Charles* and *Ellery* never came to Bradford county to reside.

John Cornelius Vancise was born in Holland, 1756. When about 8 years of age, his parents being dead, he and a brother were brought to America by friends. His early life was spent in the vicinity of Schoharie. Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, he immediately joined the American army and served seven years in the struggle for Independence. He fought at Bunker Hill, Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth, crossed the Delaware with Washington and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. At the battle of Monmouth he was badly wounded in the right leg below the knee. In his old age he enjoyed recounting his war experiences, always speaking of Washington with the greatest reverence. Mr. Vancise was a weaver by occupation, skilled in the art and wove many fancy articles. He married Deborah Murray, an Irish woman, and removed to Masonville, N. Y. They had six children, John, Simon, Samuel, Abraham, Peggy and Nancy. John and Simon were soldiers in the War of 1812. Samuel and Abraham settled in Sheshequin where the father came also and spent his last days. As the result of his wounds he lost nearly all use of his legs and went about on crutches. The government gave him a pension of $96 per year. He died Oct. 30, 1849, aged 93 years and his remains rest in the Sheshequin cemetery. In the Civil War nine sons of Abraham and three sons of Samuel served the Union—the former being the most notable record in the county.

Edward Griffin, a millwright, joined the Gore settlement in Sheshequin, 1818, afterwards locating at North Rome, where he built a grist-mill on Bullard Creek with a single run of stone. He also manufactured "bull" plows. He left before 1835 when the mill passed into other hands.

David Weed came to the Sheshequin neighborhood in 1819 and soon after located at North Rome. He was a man of many peculiarities, deliberate and grave, which won him the appellation of "Deacon" Weed. Another fad was his deer-skin dress which he generally wore. He tended mill for Griffin, also had a lathe and manufactured butter ladles and wooden bowls. He had three children: *James* who married 1st Lucretia Gore and 2nd a Miss Hoagland; *Perry* married a Miss Cooley and removed to Pine Valley, N. Y.; *Lovina* died in 1849, aged 35, unmarried.

Warren Gillett, a native of Granville, Mass. and a brother of Dr. Zadoc Gillett, joined his brother in Sheshequin, 1819. He had received an excellent education and for eight years taught school in the city of New York. He cared for his aged parents and after the death of his father the old farm was sold to furnish means to purchase "cheap, rich lands in the new country of the West." His aged mother, Rebecca, came to Sheshequin with him. Mr. Gillett was born May 12, 1784, married Martha Ensley, July 29, 1809, died in Sheshequin, Sept. 29, 1840; his wife, born Feby. 22, 1781, died Aug. 4, 1855. Children and marriages follow: *Lewis Bachus*, b May 12, 1812, married Jemima Shores, d Dec. 17, 1893; *Warren Ensley*, b July 8, 1814, married Sarah E. Townsend, d Sept. 9, 1897; *Martha Emaline*, b Jany. 14, 1817, married Hiram Saunders, d Aug. 16, 1848; *Darwin Tyron*, b Aug. 15, 1821, married Viana Kilmer, d March 22, 1882; *Rossetter*, b Feby. 20, 1826, married Mary A. Townsend, d Jany. 19, 1905.

Rev. Hezekiah West came into the county, locating at South Hill in Orwell about 1813. He was a noted Baptist preacher, being an active worker in the surrounding country for 30 years, until his death in the 40's.

Asa Hickok, a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, settled in Warren township, where he died March 23, 1836. He was inhumed at Cadis. After his death his wife, Esther, was given a widow's pension. She died April 28, 1844, aged 85 years. Two children are remembered — Reuben and Louisa (or Lois).

Robert Potter, the only Revolutionary soldier buried in Albany township, came from the Lake country in the state of New York, with his son-in-law, Maltiah Hatch to Albany about 1820. His record of service is given in his affidavit of Sept. 12, 1820 as follows: "That in the first part of the year 1775 he enlisted as a private in the company of Capt. James Chapman in a regiment commanded by Col. John Tyler of the Connecticut line and served 12 months when he was discharged at Peekskill, N. Y.; that his family consists of himself 71 years old; profession has been farming, but, now not able to labor for his support." He died in Albany and was inhumed in Wilcox cemetery. Three of his daughters married respectively Maltiah Hatch, John Nichols and Reynolds Babcock.

John Haxton, a native of New York state, located in Canton township in or before 1813. He married Eliza, daughter of James M. Daugherty of Towanda. They had children, Harriet (Mrs. Allen), James, Hiram, Eliza Ann (Mrs. Frank Gorham), Pearl (married Maria Sands), Sumner, Sabran (Mrs. Luke Gorham), Mary Ann (Mrs. Du-

Bois), Nancy (Mrs. Winters), Elsie (Mrs. Jones), Alice (Mrs. Atherton) and John. Mr. and Mrs. Haxton spent their last years in Illinois.

Jacob Headley, born at Morristown, N. J., February, 1763, served in Revolutionary war as follows: In the winter of 1776-'77 served one month as a private in Capt. David Bates' company, Morris county, N. J. Militia; spring of 1777 served one month in Sergeants Guards; June, 1777 enlisted and served six months under Capt. Jonas Ward and one month under Capt. Josiah Hall; also served six months as a private under Capt. Stephen Baldwin in the Morris county Militia. Mr. Headley was a cousin of Phineas Camp Headley and J. T. Headley, the historians. He married Hannah Hindes and had children: *Betsy* who married Wanton Westgate and lived in Granville township; *Hannah* married Daniel Steele; *Mercy* married a Mr. Fuller. Mr. Headley spent his last years with his daughter, Mrs. Westgate, in Granville, where he died Dec. 15, 1835, aged nearly 73 years. His remains rest in the Granville Center cemetery.

Brooks—The founder of the family in America was Thomas Brooks who had a house at New London, Conn. in 1659 and was one of the proprietors of Haddam in 1662. He married Alice Spencer. They had a son Thomas who married and also had a son Thomas. Thomas (3rd) married and had a son Thomas. Thomas (4th) married and had sons Charles, Thomas, David and Joseph.

Joseph Brooks, born 1765 at Haddam, Conn. removed to West Springfield, Mass. thence to Springfield township, Bradford county about 1817. He was a tanner, which occupation with the making of harnesses, he pursued after coming to Springfield, where he died Oct. 10, 1836. He married, Feby. 14, 1787, Jemima Shaylor, who died in 1795. They had children, Rebecca, Catharine, Wakeman and Jemima; he married, 2nd, Aug. 12, 1795, Martha Hubbard by whom he had children, Joseph, Mary, David, Chauncey, James and Edwin.

Rebecca, b Feby. 14, 1788, married a Mr. Hubbard, had a large family, died in Springfield.

Wakeman, b July 14, 1792, married Caroline M. Rogers, lived and died in Springfield.

Joseph, b Sept. 5, 1796, married Sally Minier of Ulster and had children, William, John and Sarah (Mrs. Geo. Walker).

David, b Oct. 27, 1802, married Maria Grace and had a large family, was accidentally drowned in Doane's mill-pond.

Chauncey, b Feby. 10, 1804, married, June 10, 1836, Betsy Grace, d March 31, 1879; children, Jane (Mrs. Andrew J. Teeter), Perry C. and Joseph.

James, b June 28, 1810, lived in Springfield. Four of his sons, Justus, Philander, Waldo and Wallace were soldiers in the Civil War.

Lebbeus Smith came from Connecticut to Pike township in 1811. He cleared and improved a fine farm where he died Jany. 17, 1873 in his 85th year. He married, March 20, 1812, Betey Gregory and had children, Augustus S., Eliza A., Alonzo and Harriet M.

Abraham Waltman came from Huntington, Pa. to Albany township, 1819 and worked upon the turnpike. He married Roxanna, daughter of Daniel Miller and took up a farm on Waltman Hill, where he died Dec. 21, 1863 in his 63rd year; children were Daniel, Hannah, Joseph, Alvin, Sylvenus, Mary, William and Sarah.

Maltiah Hatch came from the Lake country, N. Y. to Albany township, 1820, locating on what has since been known as Hatch Hill. He gained a reputation as a "flax-swingler" and was of much service to the people in preparing the raw material for the spinning wheel. He was an enthusiastic Methodist. He married a daughter of Robert Potter and had children, Calvin, John, James, Douglass, Amanda and Marium.

Dyer Ormsby, born Jany. 18, 1794 in Windham county, Conn. came to Albany township in 1819. He was a worthful citizen and Albany's first justice of the peace. He married, March 25, 1819, Charlotte, daughter of Freeman Wilcox; died Oct. 11, 1873. Their children were Philinda (Mrs. Isaac Wilcox), Lorena (Mrs. J. C. Tice), Sally (Mrs. Lucius Rice), Judson, Charlotte (Mrs. John Campbell), Daniel, John, Martin, Sevellon and Marinda (Mrs. Geo. Simons).

Gustavius Ellsworth located on upper Sugar Creek in or before 1804. Here he died summer of 1813, survived by his wife, Kezia and children, Gustavius, Jr., Joseph, Keziah, Elizabeth, Diadema, Ruth, Deborah and Lydia. Joel Stevens and Elisha Rich were chosen administrators of his estate.

Simeon King, while a resident of Massachusetts, enlisted December, 1776 as a private in the company of Samuel Bartlett under Col. James Wesson of the Massachusetts troops and served two years. He re-enlisted in August, 1780 in Col. Henry Jackson's Mass. regiment and served an additional two years. He participated in the battles of Stillwater and Monmouth. Prior to 1819 he removed to Tioga county, Pa. and afterwards to Springfield, Bradford county, where he died June 23, 1844 in his 87th year. He was given a pension which after his death was continued to his wife Achsah.

Seth Ward, a native of England, came from Massachusetts to Smithfield, 1811. Here he lived eight years then moved to Ridgebery and finally to Tioga county, Pa. His daughter Lucy married Sarls Barrett, a soldier War of 1812. She was the mother of a large family, lived to remarkable old age and died in Wells township.

Nathan Alvord came from Vermont to Columbia township, 1818. He died in 1846. Among his children were Nathan, Jr., Samuel E., Mary (Mrs. Rufus Rockwell) and Royal S. The last named married Jemima Hugg, was the father of 13 children, one of whom was Stephen W. Alvord, for half a century prominent in newspaper work.

There also came to Columbia in 1818, Philip Slade from Bristol, Mass., who married Laura, daughter of David Watkins; Peleg Peckham from Rehoboth, Mass., being followed by his brothers, Kingsley and Stephen.

Thomas Williams emigrated, 1819 from Washington, Mass. to Canton township where he settled in the wilderness and suffered all the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life. He died, 1859, survived by his wife Rebecca and children, Isaac, Bromley, Roderick, Perez (deceased), Thomas, George, Emily (Mrs. John Batton) and Maria (Mrs. John D. Jones). *Thomas, Jr.* was a noted hunter and is said to have cleared more acres of land than any other man in Canton. He married 1st Amy Bagley and 2nd Susan Andrus.

Caleb White, a native of Connecticut, who had served his country in the struggle for Independence, spent his last days in Granville township where he was an early settler. He had married Chloe Hamilton and had the following children: *Silas* married Charlotte Blodgett; *Melinda* to Nathan C. Ballard; *Lucy* to a Mr. Palmer; *Chloe* to a Mr. Parker; *Sally* to a Mr. Taff; *Artemisa* (or "Harty") to James H. Ross; *Sylvia* to Alanson Worden and *David* (?). The patriot father drew a pension in his closing years, died in 1848 and was buried at Granville Center.

John and Nathan Newman, brothers, with two yoke of oxen and a horse emigrated from Rhode Island to Warren township, 1818. Here they carved out homes in the wilderness and died. *John* married Sarah Taft and had one son Henry T.; he died March 20, 1863 and his wife, May 16, 1869. *Nathan* died Nov. 11, 1878 survived by his wife Permelia and children, Cordelia, Emojane and Jesse A.

Benjamin Lewis who had served his country in the Revolutionary war spent his last days in in Monroe township. He drew a pension; died at Greenwood and was inhumed at Cole's. His daughter Olive

married 1st Truxton Lyon and 2nd Josiah Haines, a soldier War of 1812. Benjamin was a brother of James Lewis (I—198) who was captured by the Indians and held three years.

Ebenezer Herrick, a native of Preston, Conn., born Dec. 10, 1766, who served in the Revolutionary war at the age of 10 years as a member of Capt. Joseph Boardman's company, 8th Conn. Militia, and afterwards in the War of 1812, came to Towanda about 1820 and plied his trade of blacksmithing on the Turnpike. After several years he removed to Chenango Forks, N. Y. where he died June 3, 1842. He married 1st Polly Lamb of Stonington, Conn. and had a son Nathan; married 2nd Phœbe (Wolfe) Steele of Tioga county, N. Y. and had two children: *Minerva*, b July 9, 1823, married Julius Burress Allen, d March 14, 1891; *Caroline Lois*, b March 9, 1826, married Wm. Johnson, living (1914) in Neb.

Elihu Buttles with his wife and nine children emigrated, winter of 1817-'18, from Connecticut to Orwell township. He settled at South Hill, put up a factory and engaged in the manufacture of woodendishes. He died in 1823 and was succeeded in the business by his son Jarvis who occupied the homestead until his death, Oct. 5, 1890, aged 90 years. *Jarvis* married 1st, Oct. 21, 1828, Alma Cowdrey, and had children, Otis J., Lester F., Emily J. (Mrs. LeRoy Hathway), Harlow J., Samuel F., Eliza M. (Mrs. Thomas Smith), Julianna and Elizabeth A. (Mrs. G. M. Prince); married 2nd, March 7, 1848, Sarah Ann Horton, their children being Levisa (Mrs. Jason Forbes) and Elihu.

John Anthony in his affidavit of Sept. 11, 1820 sets forth as follows: "That he the said John Anthony of Athens township, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, enlisting as a private under Captain Yates, Col. VanShoick's regiment and served 9 months; enlisted again under Captain Fink in the same regiment and served 5 months; enlisted a third time under Captain Austin, Colonel Ganesworth's regiment and served till the close of the war; occupation, a farmer; family, a wife 84 years old, lame and infirm." Mr. Anthony lived in the Athens neighborhood east of the river. When and where he died or anything further concerning his history or family, we have been unable to learn.

William S. Hutchinson emigrated with his wife and five children from Vermont to Pike township, settling near LeRaysville, 1818. One of his sons, William, married Electa Seymour, was the father of eight children and lived to very advanced age; another son, David B., married Lydia Ide and also resided in Pike.

Leonard Streevy, a German, who had married Betsy, daughter of Daniel Heverly, joined the settlement of the latter in Overton, 1820, coming from Lehigh county. He was the third settler in the town. He made the first improvements on the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, Edward Streevy. After the death of his wife in 1827 Mr. Streevy returned to Lehigh county, part of the family remaining. He was twice married, there being two sons and two daughters by the first and three sons and eight daughters from marriage with Betsy Heverly. Two sons of the latter spent their days in Overton:

Isaac married Elizabeth Ruth, occupied the homestead and was a noted and worthful pioneer; died Sept. 24, 1880, aged 75 years. His wife, never to be forgotten for her many kindly deeds, died Aug. 10, 1886, aged 86. Their children were Thomas, Phian (Mrs. Peter Sherman), John and Edward.

John was the pioneer mechanic and violinist of the neighborhood; married Mary Staley, who died Dec. 16, 1855, aged 42, and he, Dec 31, 1881, in his 68th year. Their children were Alfred, Wilson, Henry, William, Charles, Elizabeth (Mrs. Geo. Essenwine) and Mary Ann. Four of the sons, Alfred, Henry, William and Charles were soldiers in the Civil War,

William Walker, a native of Connecticut and millwright by occupation, located at Ulster where he pursued his calling for half a century. He had married Amanda Granger, their children being George, William, Edward, Cynthia (Mrs. Aaron Peckham) and Mary (Mrs. Rogers). Mr. Walker, b May 13, 1790, d Dec. 18, 1877: his wife, b May 17, 1788, d Feby. 6, 1876.

William Gibson, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, who had immigrated to this country, 1818, came to Ulster in 1820 and in company with John Gilmour, also a Scotchman, purchased of Thomas Overton 412 acres of land in the south-eastern part of the town. After them many other Scotch people came to Ulster, forming a settlement of much interest and distinction. Mr. Gibson occupied the lands along the river and carried on a somewhat extensive business for the times. He manufactured lumber, having a mill on the river and another near the line in Smithfield. He had a hotel, known as the "Mountain House," kept store and run a distillery. In addition he had considerable land under his control, and was one of the busy and prosperous men of the locality. He died Oct. 18, 1858, aged 65 years, and his wife, Jane, Oct. 25, 1872, aged 77 years. They had no children.

Andrew Gibson followed his brother, William, to Ulster and continued to reside in the town until his death, Jany. 26, 1859, aged 68

years. His wife, Jane, died April 3, 1877, aged 79 years. Their children were Allen, Elizabeth (Mrs. Chas. McMorran), Ann (Mrs. John T. Howie), Janet and Sarah.

William and ***James Gibson***, nephews of William, joined their uncle at Ulster, who gave them a tract of land in the edge of Smithfield which they occupied. William married Mary McMorran. They had four daughters: Mary (Mrs. Edwin Wilkinson), Janet, Maggie (Mrs. Wm. Hemenway) and Sarah. Mr. Gibson died Aug. 31, 1869, aged 64 years, and his wife, June 23, 1886, aged 70 years. James was a bachelor and lived with his brother. He died June 17, 1878, aged 67 years.

John Gilmour who came to Ulster in 1820, settled on the hills back from the river. He continued to make improvements on his tract until March 18, 1847, when he was accidentally killed by falling from a heavy wagon which passed over him. He was in his 57th year. His wife, Jane, died Sept. 29, 1860, aged 70 years. Their children were Agnes (Mrs. Morgan Waters), Mary (Mrs. H. L. Rehbein), John, William, Andrew and Thomas.

James Dobson (Dabson) who had married Esther, sister of John, Thomas and Isaac Bull, came to Wysox in 1819 and settled in the hollow back of the Webb place. He died in 1821, aged 33 years, leaving sons, John, Hiram, Ebenezer and James, and a daughter, Esther. His widow removed to Michigan where she died.

Abraham Parkhurst, born Feby. 14, 1755 in Boston, Mass., enlisted April 29, 1775 as a private under Capt. Abijah Childs in the regiment of Colonel Gardner, 8-months' men with the American army at the siege of Boston, and was regularly discharged Oct. 6, 1775. After the war he married Ruth Spencer of Suffield, Conn. and in 1811 emigrated with his family to Bradford county, settling in Granville township. He purchased lands and began improvements but did not long survive after taking up his home in the wilderness. In the winter of 1814-'15 an epidemic prevailed in the settlement and among those who lost their lives were Mr. Parkhurst and two of his sons, Asa and Luther, the father dying March 16, 1815. He was inhumed on the "old Bailey place" where he had settled. Other of his sons were Philetus, Elam, Isaac and Harvey.

Philetus became a somewhat noted Methodist preacher, continuing in the ministry until his death, 1827. In his will his wife, Polly, mother, Ruth, brothers, Elam and Isaac, Anna Tillotson, Sally Pratt, Lucy Hagan and Mariah Parkhurst (evidently sisters) are named as beneficiaries.

Elam married Susannah, daughter of Benjamin Saxton. He died in LeRoy, 1870, survived by his wife and children, Henry S., Charles S., Hiram S., Sabrina S. (Foss), Polly E. (Wilcox). Susannah and Julia.

Capt. Abraham Whitaker, a soldier of the Revolution, born 1764, emigrated with his family from Vermont to Warren township, 1815, settling next the Susquehanna county line. With him came Henry, Hugh and Abraham Whitaker, Jr. Captain Whitaker spent his last days with his son Henry in Warren where he died after 1840. *Abraham, Jr.* married Catharine, daughter of Robert Sleeper, died in 1869, survived by his wife and children, Abram, Harrison and Sarah P. *Henry* died in Warren, 1858 and letters on his estate were granted James G. Whitaker.

John Wheaton came from Rhode Island to Warren township, 1815. Here he took up a farm in the wilderness and died, 1839. His wife was Sally French by whom he had eight children. One of their sons, *Samuel*, married Mary Abell, lived and died in Warren; they had eight children. Another son, *Frederick*, married Susan Humphrey and had one child, Seymour M.

Robert Sleeper, who had served in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Robert Pike of the Rhode Island troops, in 1818, emigrated from Vermont to Warren township, bringing his family and effects on wagons drawn by two yoke of oxen. He took up a farm in a deeply wooded country and was a faithful and heroic pioneer. He was a noted hunter and killed the last panther seen in that section. His wife was Catherine Fox, who died in 1850, aged 81; he died, also, 1850, aged 88 years; both inhumed in the Sleeper cemetery in Warren. Their ten children and marriages follow: *Joseph*, unmarried, died, 1814 of fever contracted while in service, War of 1812; *Benjamin* married Sarah Sleeper of Vt.; *Catherine* married Abraham Whitaker, Jr. of Warren; *Robert* married Jane Eaton of Vt.; *John* married Abigail Lathrop and had children, Charles J., John F. and Caroline (Mrs. James A. Nichols); *Sarah* married Abner Bowen; *Charles* married Mary Wilson; *Polly* died unmarried; *Betsy* married Caleb Bowen; *Josephus* married 1st Mariah Bowen and had children, Catherine, Olive, George B., Thomas J., David A., Laura, Robert F. and James D.; married 2nd, Mary E. Bowen, sister of his first wife, and had children, William and Mabel.

John Plum enlisted at New Lebanon, N. Y., April 1781, as a private under Capt. Silas Gray in Col. M. Willett's regiment of New Y. troops and served nine months. He married Feby. 20, 1783, Tryphena Hunt and was living at Greenwich, N. Y. in 1818. He was

given a pension for his services and in the 20's removed to Windham, Bradford county. His residence was on Babcock Hill where he died Nov. 10, 1850, aged 86 years, and is buried. Mrs. Plum survived him and was pensioned as his widow. They left children.

Newton W. Harvey, the first permanent settler of Armenia township, came thereto in 1822. He cleared and improved a fine farm and accumulated considerable property. He died, 1868. By his wife, Ann, he had children, Nathaniel, Marcus, Isaac, Titus, Darius, James, Mrs. Hepsubeth Button, Mrs. Bulah Avery, Ann (Mrs. Moses Soper), Jane A. (Mrs. Nelson N. Rumsey) and Mrs. Sarah Moore.

Israel Pierce, a native of Rehoboth, Mass., who had served under General Sullivan in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary war, removed to Columbia township in 1830. Here he died, 1838, aged 78 years. His wife, Hannah, died, 1839. Their son, Israel, who was a soldier, War of 1812, came to Columbia, 1831. He married Polly Walker and had sons Walker and Israel A.; died at Troy, 1862, aged 75 years.

Richard Cooper, resident of Wells township, in his affidavit of Sept. 11, 1820, sets forth as follows: "That he the said Richard Cooper, aged 75 years, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, enlisting under Capt. Amos Hutchins at Haverstraw, N. Y. for three years about May 14, 1778; that he served in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois and was regularly discharged May 14, 1781; that he has no family whatsoever and from advanced age he is incapable of supporting himself without the aid of his country; that he used to work in a forge but his eyesight became so bad that he could not pursue it for a living and has lost the sight of one eye altogether." Of this patriot we have no further information.

Jacob Scouten, a native of New England, served his country in both the Revolutionary war and War of 1812. He married Charlotte Roberts and settled near the headwaters of Harvey's Lake in Wyoming county, where he engaged in farming. He was a noted hunter and taught all his sons how to use the rifle with skill. The old patriot spent the last years of his life with children in Burlington township where he died March 15, 1842, aged 87 years. His remains rest in the Mountain Lake cemetery. Jacob and Charlotte Scouten were the parents of 14 children, seven of whom grew up as follows: *Matthias* married Abbie Evans and had seven daughters and a son, Lewis, who was killed in the Civil War; *William* married and had two daughters and three sons, Major, Solomon and Wakely W., the last two being soldiers in the Civil War; *Lucy* married Peter Thompson of Luzerne county and had four

daughters and two sons; *Lucinda* married William Nichols and lived in Burlington township; *Betsy* died unmarried in Ohio; *Anna* married William Fox of Luzerne county; *Charles R.* was the pioneer of Mountain Lake, where he settled, 1833, when there was only one family between him and Towanda and none on the other side nearer than Burlington village. For forty years he carried on lumbering in connection with farming. He became an ardent lover of hunting and trapping which he pursued as opportunity afforded, with profit and success, until he was 75 years old. He married Chloe Robinson of Mehoopany and had three daughters and five sons—Charles W. being a soldier in the Civil War. Mr. Scouten died July 26, 1900, aged 92 years.

Rufus M. Cooley, a shoemaker, came to Sheshequin in or before 1818. He married Mary, widow of Smith Horton and daughter of Elijah M. Horton, and settled at Ghent. He had children, Abigail, Elijah, Eliza, Polly and Jackson. In the latter part of the '30's he sold his improvements and with two yoke of oxen and a wagon emigrated West with his family.

Andrew Delpuech, a French gentleman of culture, who sought a retreat for pleasure and recreation, in the course of his travels found his way into Sheshequin, 1819. He and one Theodore Audra purchased 125 acres of land along the river. Audra sold to Mr. Delpuech and removed from the town in 1821. The same year, Mr. Delpuech sold a two-thirds interest to Francis Joseph Pesse, lately from Switzerland, and Joseph Menardi, lately from Coni in Piedmont, Europe. By the conditions of the sale, the three gentlemen formed themselves into an association for mutual benefits. However, the association did not continue long, for in 1826 Mr. Delpuech died. Of him, it is worthy of note to state that he was a personal friend of General Lafayette, enjoying his confidence and esteem and received letters from him after settling in Sheshequin. Mr. Pesse, born at Tours in France, died March 27, 1833, aged 63 years. The property then passed into the hands of Mrs. Delpuech, a daughter of Mr. Pesse, whose descendants occupy the place.

James Dickey, born Aug. 13, 1755 at Londonderry, N. H., enlisted in the American army, 1775, as a private in the company of Capt. Reuben Dow under Col. Wm. Prescott of the Massachusetts line and served six weeks. In January, 1776, he re-enlisted in the same regiment under Capt. Noah Wooster and served an additional term of six weeks. In June, 1776, he again enlisted in the company of Capt. David Emerson under Colonel Wingate of the Massachusetts line and served five months. Mr. Dickey found his way into Bradford county

in the early 20's first stopping at Wyalusing. March 12, 1827 he was united in marriage with Mary Magadalena Mosier of Dushore and in the latter part of 30's removed from Wyalusing to Towanda. Sept. 13, 1832, he made application for a pension which, which was granted, and the benefits thereof continued to his widow after his death. "The old hero walked about with a cane and always wore a tow apron, covering his chest and legs to his knees. He was very fond of children and the little folks were wont to gather about him, listen to his stories and receive gifts of peanuts and candy." He died Jany. 6, 1844 in Towanda and his wife, April 4, 1887 in her 78th year. They had one child, Eliza, who died in infancy; all inhumed in Riverside cemetery.

Record Marriages — Dec. 25, 1828, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Milton Smiley and Miss Jane Watts, daughter of John and Polly (Cowell) Watts of Canton.

Oct. 6, 1829, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Lyndes Spencer of Sullivan, Tioga county, Pa. and Miss Betsey Stewart of Canton.

May 24, 1830, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Elihu Smead of Columbia and Miss Betsey Farr of Canton.

Aug. 25, 1830, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Nathaniel Hickok and Mrs. Palmer of Canton.

Oct. 27, 1830, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Nehemiah Allen of Franklin and Mrs. Susanna (Stone) Smiley.

Oct. 31, 1830, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Thomas Williams and Miss Amy Bagley, both of Canton.

Jany. 22, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Hezekiah Wilson and Miss Eliza Moore of Canton.

March 10, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Isaac Rundell and Miss Susan Hoagland.

May 5, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, George Brigham of Granville and Miss Amy Stockwell of Canton.

May 5, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, John Batten of Elkland, Lycoming county and Miss Emily Williams of Canton.

Aug. 13, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Minor T. Porter of Granville and Miss Amanda Spencer of Union, Tioga county.

Sept. 21, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Philander Case of Troy and Miss Betsey Granteer, daughter of John and Catherine (Heverly) Granteer of Canton.

Oct. 11, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Oliver Sellard and Miss Betsey, daughter of John and Polly (Cowell) Watts, all of Canton.

Dec. 19, 1831, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Elbert Smith and Miss Orpha Andrus of Canton.

Jany. 25, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Jeduthan Withey of Canton and Mrs. Phœbe (Thorne) Comfort, widow of John, of Columbia.

Feby. 25, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Elisha Andrus and Miss Lovina Lock of Canton.

March 21, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Benjamin Holcomb of Canton and Miss Delight, daughter of Isaac and Tamasin (Wilcox) Chaapel of Franklin.

March 27, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Joseph W. Landon and Miss Lydia Conklin, all of Canton.

April 25, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Harrison P. Rundell and Miss Mary Hoagland, all of Canton.

July 12, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Putnam Smith of Charleston, Tioga county and Miss Nancy Williams of Canton.

Aug. 14, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Levi Landon and Miss Mehitable Coon, all of Canton.

Aug. 16, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, John Granteer and Mrs. Polly (Moore) Wilcox.

Aug. 19, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Peleg Hackett of Smithfield and Miss Maria Pratt, both of Canton.

Nov. 25, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Edward Bagley and Miss Betsey Bennett, both of Canton.

Nov. 29, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Ozias Kilbourn and Miss Electa, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Heverly) Granteer, all of Canton.

Dec. 20, 1832, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, George Loomis and Miss Sally Ann Eaton, both of Canton.

Jany. 24, 1833, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Joseph Lindley and Miss Lovina Manley, both of Canton.

Jany. 24, 1833, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Jacob Roberts of Canton and Miss Abigail Bailey of Franklin.

Dec. 17, 1833, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Daniel Eaton and Miss Caroline Foster, both of Canton.

Dec. 26, 1833, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Seth Porter of Granville and Miss Maria Sellard of Canton.

Jany. 22, 1834, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, James Conklin and Miss Orinda Granteer, both of Canton.

May 24, 1834, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Julius Pratt of Canton and Rebecca Roberts of Franklin.

June 12, 1834, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, James A. Jones and Miss Maria Williams, both of Canton.

Aug. 7, 1834, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, William Newell and Polly Clark, both of Canton.

Sept. 17, 1834, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Ezra Wright Loomis of Union, Tioga county and Miss Minerva Loomis of Canton.

Oct. 16, 1834, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, David Cole and Miss Mehitable Roberts, both of Canton.

Nov. 2, 1834, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Hosea Haxton and Miss Miranda Pepper, both of Canton

Dec. 25, 1834, in Canton, Pane Shoemaker of Granville and Miss Rachel Pepper of Canton.

Jany. 8, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Thomas Williams and Miss Susan Andrews, both of Canton.

March 5, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Ozias Kilbourn of Union, Tioga county and Mrs. Rachel Bennett of Canton.

April 8, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Abraham Conklin and Miss Polly Haskins, both of Canton.

April 12, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, James Nelson of Granville and Miss Huldah Blakeman of Canton.

May 11, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Jonathan Lewis and Miss Hannah Hoagland, both of Canton.

June —, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Charles Loomis and Miss Elizabeth Tice, both of Canton.

Aug. 19, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Isaac Foster and Miss Phœbe Hoagland, both of Canton.

Oct. 25, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Simeon P. Chesley of Granville and Miss Elvira Dudley of Towanda.

Oct. 28, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Jesse Conklin and Miss Nancy Granteer, both of Canton.

Dec. 6, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Laban Rockwell and Mrs. Betsey Newell, both of Canton.

Dec. 15, 1835, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, John C. Rose and Miss Sophia Rockwell of Canton.

March 1, 1836, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Truman Garrett of Elmira, N. Y. and Miss Jane, daughter of John and Phœbe (Thorne) Comfort of Canton.

March 24, 1836, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Zimri Armstrong of Union, Tioga county and Susannah Gibson of Towanda (colored).

May 18, 1836, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Roderick Williams of Canton and Miss Maria Annable of Elkland, Tioga county.

Dec. 15, 1836, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Joseph Batten of Elkland, Lycoming county and Miss Nancy Bagley of Canton.

Feby. 12, 1837, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, John Griffin and Miss Lucy Spalding, both of Canton.

May 11, 1837, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Harvey Ingraham and Miss Emily Stone, both of Canton.

May 30, 1837, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Lewis Wheat of Jackson, Lycoming county and Miss Maria Tabor of Canton.

Sept. 17, 1837, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Joel Wright and Miss Anna Maria Beardsley, both of Canton.

Nov. 9, 1837, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Isaac Hoagland of Elkland, Lycoming county and Miss Betsey Bloom of Canton.

Dec. 13, 1837, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Reuben T. Palmer of Canton and Miss Mary Ayres of Granville.

December —, 1837, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Jacob Beardsley and Miss Polly Farr, both of Canton.

January 19, 1838, in Towanda by Rev. E. Bronson, Isaac Kellum and Miss Mary B., daughter of Jesse Woodruff, both of Towanda.

March 1, 1838, Ellicott Brown of Wyalusing and Miss Lois, daughter of Eleazer Lake of Windham, Luzerne county.

March 22, 1838, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Sylvester Streeter and Miss Delphene (?) Bagley, both of Canton.

July 5, 1838, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, James Lewis and Miss Sally, Ann Emery (?) of Canton.

July 11, 1838, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Charles Stockwell and Miss Anna Griffin, both of Canton.

July 19, 1838, in Towanda by Rev. Julius Foster, Charles H. Allen and Miss Mariam B., daughter of A. Moody, both of Towanda.

Aug. 21, 1838, in Towanda by Rev. Mr. Brown, O. R. Tyler and Miss Augusta L. Hamilton.

Oct. 4, 1838, in Rush by Justice Abel Bolles, Perrin Lathrop of Rush and Miss Clementine Dowdney of Wyalusing.

Oct. 7, 1838, in St. Matthew's church, Pike, by Rev. C. E. Pleasants, Alanson Spencer and Polly Bowen.

Oct. 25, 1838, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Urial Wright and Miss Alma Roberts, both of Canton.

Nov. 14, 1838, in Rome by Justice Aaron Chubbuck, Hiram A. Beebe, senior editor of the Towanda Banner and Democrat, and Miss Mary C. Ellis, both of Towanda.

Nov. 14, 1838, in Wysox by Rev. E. Bronson, E. L. Fuller, junior editor of the Towanda Banner and Democrat, and Miss C. A. Myer of Wysox.

Dec. 15, 1838, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Philip Kilmer, Jr. of Elkland Lycoming county and Miss Clarissa Wilcox of LeRoy.

Feby. 10, 1839, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Oliver Davenport, Jr. of Richmond, Tioga county and Miss Sarah Ann Davenport of LeRoy.

March, 1839, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Henry Gage and Miss Chloe Ann Manley, both of Canton.

April 25, 1839, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Sylvanus Kendall and Miss Delight Spalding, both of Canton.

Nov. 24, 1839, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Amos Morse of Columbia and Miss Rozilla Pratt of Canton

Oct. 1, 1840, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Henry Newell and Miss Susan Fitzwater, both of Canton.

Dec. 9, 1840, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Wm. Roper of Granville and Miss Amanda Pratt of Canton.

December 28, 1840, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, William Miles and Miss Amanda Rogers, both of Canton.

Jany. 25, 1841, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, John M. Hewett of Kitran, Chemung Co, N. Y. and Miss Sarah Jane Greeno of Canton.

March 11, 1841, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, B. J. Rundell and Miss Hannah Pratt, both of Canton.

Oct. 23, 1841, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, W. F. Spalding and Miss Hannah Huntingdon.

Oct. 23, 1841, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, Eli Johnson of Troy and Miss Elizabeth Thomas of Canton.

Nov. 18, 1841, in Canton by Justice Asa Pratt, John H. Ayres and Miss Mary Andrus, both of Canton.

January 3, 1843, in Tuscarora, by Eld. D. Dimock, Dr. John Plant of Laceyville and Miss Alice Black of Tuscarora.

January 12, 1843, in Choconut, by Eld. J. Bryan, Joshua N. Durand of Herrick, Bradford Co. and Miss Betsy Bryan of Choconut, Pa.

May 25, 1843, in Dimock, by Rev. Prentiss Frink, Sterling Ackley of Wyalusing and Miss Mary Tyler of Dimock, Pa.

July 4, 1843, in LeRaysville, by Rev. Mr. Hodge, Wm. Robertson of Bridgewater and Miss Alvira C. Arnold of Warren

Nov. 22, 1843, in Athens township, by Rev. C. C. Corss, John H. Pierce, M. D. of Springville, Pa. and Miss Amelia A. Griswold, daughter of Judson Griswold dec'd.

December 20, 1845, in Middletown, Pa., by Justice S. Taggart, George Hale and Miss Abby Bowen, both of Warren, Bradford Co.

January 14, 1846, in Bridgewater, by Rev. Wm. M DeLong, Stephen Bullock of Springfield, Bradford county and Lodemi B. Luce of Bridgewater, Pa.

February 15, 1846, in Herrick, by Rev. James Hodge, Edwin S. Turrell of Pike and Miss Henrietta M. Reed of Herrick.

April 13, 1846, in Forest Lake, by Eld. A. L. Post, Job Tibbitts of Warren, Bradford county and Miss Rachel Amanda Gregory of Forest Lake, Pa.

May 7, 1846, by Eld. J. W. Parker, Charles Lamb and Miss Eliza Greeno, both of Troy.

June 10, 1846, in Rush, Pa., by Justice Pliny Birchard, Gilbert Wheeler and Miss Eliza A. Hurlbert, both of Durell, Bradford county.

August 4, 1846, by Elder J. W. Parker, Daniel H. Gillett and Miss Olive W. Smith, both of South Creek.

October 1, 1846, in Orwell, by Rev. James Hodge, Stephen Gorham and Miss Sabra Morgan, both of Orwell.

October 7, 1846, in Jackson Valley, by Rev, James Hedge, Cyrus Wheaton of Warren and Miss Eliza N. Sanderson of Jackson Valley, Pa.

October 12, 1846, by Eld. J. W. Parker, O. F. Calkins of Earlville, N. Y and Miss Martha M., daughter of Maj. Ezra Long of Troy.

October 22. 1846, in Smithfield, by Eld. J. W. Parker, Samuel S. Baker of Troy and Miss Emily Califf of Smithfield.

Dec. 30, 1846, in Sheshequin at the home of Mrs. Wealthy Ann Gore Spalding by Rev. S. J. Gibson, John Beidleman and Miss Hannah Spalding.

May 21, 1847, in Standing Stone at the home of the bride by Justice Seldon S Bradley, Josiah Rinebold of Overton and Miss Margaret Crawn. Both living (1914)—the oldest couple in the county; the former born, May 2, 1823 and the latter, Jany. 16, 1828.

February 27 1848, in Spring Hill, by Eld. J W. Parker, George W. Smith and Miss Polly Ann Wood.

March 15, 1848, in Spring Hill, by Eld. H. H. Gray, Ezra Keeney of Braintrim and Miss Almira M. Dexter of Spring Hill.

March 19, 1848, in Montrose, by Eld D Taylor, A. B. Roberts of Orwell and Miss Elizabeth Pickering of Bridgewater, Pa.

June 1, 1848, in LeRaysville, by Rev. James Hodge, John W. Robertson of Jessup and Miss Laura L Jillson of Warren, Pa.

September 13, 1848, in Laceyville, by Eld. J. W. Parker, Demmon Ackley of Spring Hill and Miss Abigail Lacey of Laceyville.

October 14, 1848, in Rush, by Eld. H. H. Gray Uriah Danks of Syracuse, N. Y. and Miss Irene A. Dexter of Spring Hill, Bradford Co.

Court Records—Excerpts from the records of Bradford county, relating to families not otherwise noted:

William Johnson, late of Springfield township, letters granted Eli Parsons, June 8, 1813. Johnson was a settler before 1812. He left six children, Alexander, Elizabeth, Rachel, Abigail, Ezekiel and Simon.

Philip Crans, late of Athens township, letters granted Adam Crans and John F. Satterlee, June 10, 1813. Crans settled with his family along the river near the state line before 1806. A shad fishery, of which he had charge and a popular drawing place, was established opposite his home.

John Shippey, late of Athens township, letters granted Abraham Minier and Henry Welles, July 16, 1814.

Philander Loomis, a minor over 14 years and son of John Loomis deceased, Nehemiah Tracy appointed guardian, Feby. 6, 1815.

Elijah Granger, late of Athens township, letters granted to Mary Granger, widow, Feby. 1815.

Samuel Wilson, late of Athens township, letters granted Samuel Tiffany, Dec, 20, 1815.

John Lawless, late of Orwell township, letters granted Parney Lawless, widow and Lemuel Streator, Feby. 20, 1817.

Smith Horton, late of Wysox township, letters granted Polly Horton, widow, April 15, 1817. He was not of the Sheshequin Hortons but married Mary, daughter of Elijah M. Horton. They had at least one daughter, Permilla, who married Wm. C. Tuttle. Mrs. Horton afterwards married Rufus M. Cooley.

Richard Sweet, late of Springfield township, letters granted John Barber and David Sweet, May 13, 1817.

Kelton Wilson, a minor over 14 years and son of Wm Wilson, late of Burlington, Samuel Griffin appointed guardian, May 14, 1817

John Rose, a minor over 14 years and son of Ezekiel Rose, Jesse Woodruff appointed guardian, May 14, 1817.

George Decker, a minor over 14 years and a son of Abraham Decker, late of Athens, Stephen Hopkins appointed guardian, Sept 10, 1817.

Aaron and *Elvira Cook*, minors under 14 years and children of Aaron Cook deceased, Paul Furman appointed guardian, Feby. 10, 1819.

James Clark, a minor over 14 years, David Sopar appointed guardian, Sept. 11, 1820.

Joseph Maxwell, a minor over 14 years and son of John Maxwell, Joseph Preston appointed guardian, Sept. 1821.

Henry B. Tuttle, late of Wysox, letters granted Harry Morgan, Feby. 1, 1823.

Peter Wheeler, late of Wysox, letters granted to Ursula Wheeler, widow, June 26, 1823. He conducted a fulling mill and left sons, Columbus and Ozias.

Lorenzo D. Williams, a minor over 14 years, Darius Bullock appointed guardian, May 12, 1824.

John Wilsey, late of Franklin township, letters granted Harry Lobdell, Oct. 19, 1824

Frederick F. Fairman, a minor over 14 years, Ephraim B. Gerould appointed guardian, May 11, 1825.

Elisha P. Henson, a native of Windham, Conn. settled in West Burlington, 1815. He built a grist-mill and saw-mill which he operated some years then cleared and improved a farm where he died, 1860. He married Experience Pratt and had children, Erastus, Simeon P., Simon B., Martha (Mrs. David Corby), William I. N. and George W.

Simeon married Julia A., daughter of John Corby and followed farming. Their children were Louise (Mrs. Geo. Porter), Susannah (Mrs. Alden Fleming), Maria (Mrs. John Ray), Charles Alfred, Betsey, Adelia (Mrs. Francis Chilton) and Cordelia (Mrs. James Benjamin).

The Humphreys coming to Bradford county were descendent from Michael Humphrey who came from England and settled at Windsor, Conn. in 1643. Members of the Humphrey family, Alvin, Milton and William, began their emigration from Connecticut to Orwell in 1815. Dr. Dudley Humphrey, a son of Theophilus, and Dudley Case Humphrey came 1819. The latter located in Warren township.

Dr. Dudley Humphrey practiced medicine in Orwell until his death, 1826, being survived by his wife Eliza and children, James Dudley, Ann Eliza, Emily Almira and Theophilus. James D , the father of Ira B. and Charles D., died in Towanda, 1865.

Dudley Case Humphrey married Almira Gorham. He died in Warren, 1876, survived by his wife, Margaret (evidently second) and children Newton, Crittendon, Joseph, Seth, Elizabeth Page (late Elizabeth Chaffee) and Elsie Dewers.

William Sexton and wife Tamasin removed with their family from Connecticut to Orwell, 1816, and there spent the balance of their days. Jabez E. and William R. Sexton were sons. Jabez married Jeanett Jillson and was the father of two sons and seven daughters.

Henry Ransom, a blacksmith by occupation, located at what has since been known as Ransom Corners, Orwell, 1817. Here he died Feby. 22, 1862, leaving ten children: Harriet (Mrs. E. K. Collins), Mary (Mrs. Augustus Eddy(, Hannah (Mrs. Stephen Vought), Char-

Jotte (Mrs. A. M. Wattles), William C., Tamsan (Mrs. Lawrence Vought), Elisha, Amos, Harrison and Martha.

Other Smithfield Settlers—Asahel Dutton was located in the town, 1808; in 1813 came Asa Farnsworth, Austin and Chauncey Kellogg; in 1814, Wm. Farnsworth, Seth Gates, Tartius Rose, Timothy Brigham, Judson Fairman, Stephen Wilcox, Abner and Nelson Thomas; in 1815, Joseph Ames, David Durfey and Frederick Perkins; in 1816, Jonathan Hall, Abraham Jones and Luman Kellogg; in 1817, Hezekiah Crowell; in 1818, Nehemiah M Beach, Rufus Hosley, Eleazer King and Rev. Pentecost Sweet. History of the foregoing families follow:

Asa Farnsworth, who was from Vermont, died, 1824, leaving seven children. *Austin*, *Chauncey* and *Luman Kellogg* were brothers. After a number of years they removed from the town. In January 1820 a sad and frightful accident occurred by which Mrs. Austin Kellogg and her infant lost their lives, being burned to death or suffocated. Mrs. Kellogg had been hatcheling flax from which the lint had filled the room with particles more or less fine. It was supposed a coal of fire fell from the fire-place, when it immediately blazed into flame, filling the room.

William Farnsworth came from Vermont, bringing his family and effects with an ox-team. He married Polly, daughter of John Carnigie and had several children of whom William P. was the last survivor. *Seth Gates*, who was a cousin of Gen. Horatio Gates of revolutionary fame, settled across the line in Springfield on the farm afterwards occupied by his son Horatio. Here he died at the age of 82 years and his wife at 97. They reared a family of 13 children. *Timothy Brigham*, a native of Massachusetts and singing school teacher, came to the county before 1812. His mother was an own sister of Brigham Young, the Mormon high priest, although the Brighams never espoused the Mormon faith. Mr. Brigham resided in Smithfield, Burlington and Granville. He was twice married and the father of 11 children. His death occurred, 1845. *Stephen Wilcox*, a soldier War of 1812, was from Halifax, Vt. He cleared and improved the farm afterwards occupied by his son, E. U. Wilcox. He died at the age of 82.

Frederick Perkins came with his family from Goshen, Conn. He was a son of Luke Perkins and his wife, Matilda, a daughter of John Steadman. Both Luke Perkins and John Steadman were slain by the British at the massacre of Fort Griswold. Mr. Perkins died in Smithfield, 1838 and his wife, 1877, aged 94 years. Their children were Charles F., Joseph, Luke and Hope. Luke married Ruth Pierce and had a large family, three of his sons being soldiers in the Civil War. *Joseph Ames* was from Rhode Island. He had a family of 8 children.

Both he and his wife died on the farm afterwards occupied by his son S. W. Ames.

Abraham Jones, son of Israel Jones, a Revolutionary soldier, came from Halifax, Vt. He was a surveyor and sub-agent for the Bingham lands. His sons cleared and improved a farm. He died in the township at the age of 94. *Jonathan Hall* died 1861, survived by his wife Sarah J., son, B. J. Hall, brother Alvin Hall and sister Achsa Hall, all of whom were provided for in his will.

Hezekiah Crowell from Connecticut, a son of Samuel Crowell, a Revolutionary soldier, settled next the Springfield line. Here he died at an advanced age, leaving three sons and three daughters. *Nehemiah M. Beach* brought his family from New Haven, Conn., making the trip with two ox-teams and a horse. He settled the Dallas Beach place, was active in church matters and his house headquarters for the M. E. denomination. He died at the age of 90 and his wife Laura at 96. Their children were Stephen, Charles S., Lewis M., Truman M., Fanny Maria (Bush), Harriet Lucelia (Mrs. Chas. S. Brigham) and Laura Ann (Peckham). *Rev. Pentecost Sweet*, a drum major in the War of 1812, came from Rhode Island, locating on the Jenny place, where he died at the age of 84, leaving five children. *Rufus Hosley*, a native of Massachusetts, removed from Vermont, first settling in Smithfield and fifteen years later in Springfield. Here he died 1853, aged 76 years. His wife was Polly Gates by whom he had five children.

David Owen, a native of Connecticut and of Welsh descent, removed from the East, 1806 to Susquehanna county and from there to Wysox, 1824, buying a considerable tract of land. "He was a good farmer, a strict religionist and a regular contributor and attendant of the Presbyterian church. In his latter years he was quite deaf and regularly occupied the pulpit with the minister to enable him to hear the sermon better." He died Dec. 23, 1851, aged 84 years. He was twice married. By his former marriage he had one child, Joel. His second wife was Aurelia Bennett, who died Dec. 16, 1853, aged 84 years. Their children were Lucinda, Lovica, Lydia, David H., John, Polly and Samuel.

Joel married and had two children, Curtis and Elvira.

Lucinda married a Mr. Wilmot and had two children.

Lovica and *Polly* died unmarried.

Lydia married Thomas Thayer and had two children.

David H., b Feby. 22, 1802, married, March 22, 1824, Sally Ann, daughter of Benjamin Coolbaugh, died Feby. 27, 1853; she, b Sept. 10, 1803, died July 5, 1881. Their children and marriages follow: Mary

A. to Charles Evans, Benjamin D. to Mary Delong; Fidelia E., James S. and Charles R. died unmarried; Jerusha A. to Christopher Trepus; George W. to Jennie H. Hicks (Passmore); Ellen L. to A. J. Fisher; Alice B. to C. Everton Welch.

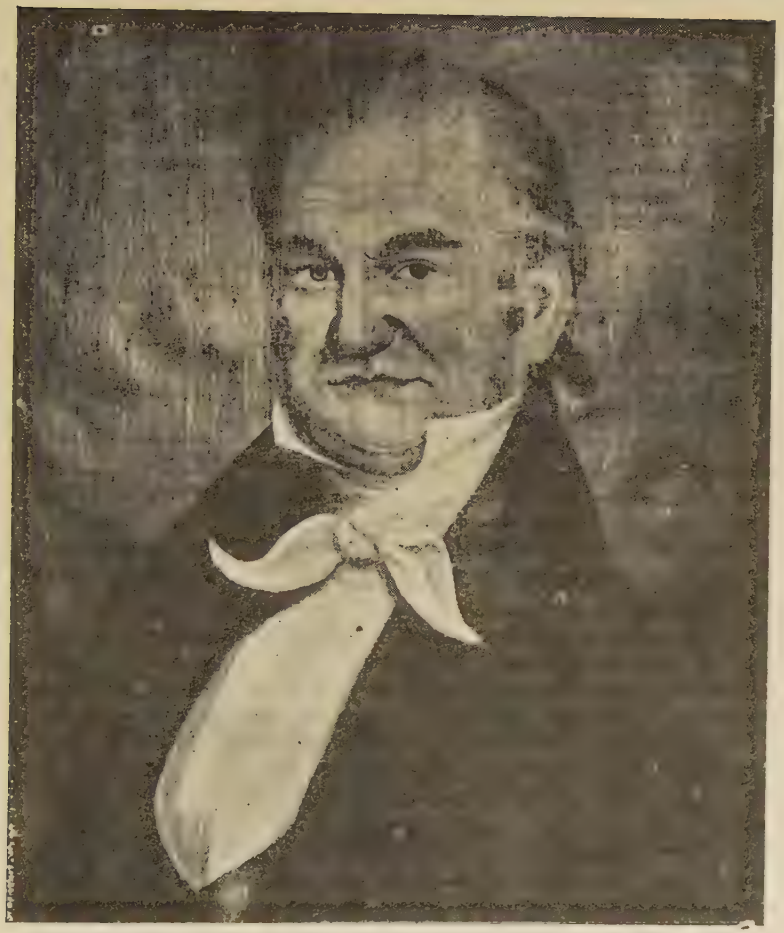
John married, May 13, 1834, Harriet Bachelder of Albany, N. Y. and had children who married as follows: Melvin B. to Cidney Lent; Fred H. to Ella M. Pursell; Frances J. to Frank E. Allen; Susan M. to James E. Suffern; Harriet F to C. W. Cole Mr. Owen married 2nd Mrs. Emily P. Osborn of Shéshequin and had children, Lizzie S. (Mrs. Henry M. Mears), John J. and Galen B. He died in Wysox, 1869, aged 61.

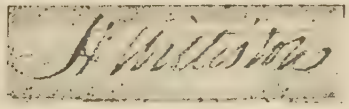
Samuel, b Oct. 14, 1810, married Mary Flower Patrick, died in Wysox, July 7, 1884; she b Jany. 3, 1813, died April 11, 1881. Their children and marriages follow: Stella A. to C. O. Ward; Edwin G. to Susan A. Lent; Samuel S.; Prof. William Baxter to Eva F. C. Peters; Mary A. to Charles Wurtenburg; Marian L. to Louis Wurtenburg; Zephon Flower.

Horace Williston, the fifth Judge of Bradford county, was born May 31, 1783 at Suffield, Conn. He was a son of Consider and Rhoda (King) Williston. His father had fought in the French and Indian war and when the Lexington alarm was given, leaving his plow standing in the furrow, he hastened to the front. He was made an ensign under Capt. Elihu Kent and with a company of 59 men set out for Lexington, April 20, 1775. After a few days the company returned, when he reenlisted in Capt. Oliver Hanchett's company under Gen. Joseph Spencer. Consider Williston was commissioned lieutenant of the company and served till Dec. 17, 1775 when he was discharged.

As a boy Horace Williston went to Lewis county, N. Y. where for a couple of years he and his brother engaged in farming. He then removed to Whitney's Point and pursued the mercantile business for a short time. Retiring as a merchant he went to Binghamton and began reading law with one LeRoy. In the winter of 1814 he removed to Elmira and entered the office of Vincent Matthews where he continued his studies a few months and was then admitted to the bar. He returned to Binghamton where he opened an office in partnership with Martin Whitney. During his practice in the state of New York he was associated at the bar with Judge Nelson, Hon. John A. Collier and other eminent lawyers of that day and whose warm friendship he always enjoyed.

On Sept. 6, 1819 Horace Williston was admitted to practice in the several courts of Bradford county and in November following took up his residence at Athens. His subsequent career we give in the language of the late H. W. Patrick, who in speaking of the death of Judge Williston said: "He had been steadily engaged in the duties of his profession for more than 35 years and few have devoted their whole time so unceasingly as the deceased. At that early day,





this and adjoining counties were only sparsely settled and the circuit of his practice included a large extent of territory. I have often heard him say that he attended the courts of Susquehanna, Tioga, Potter and McKean counties, which with Bradford at that time composed the district, regularly for a number of years and over roads impassable except on horseback. Added to this he was compelled many times to travel day and night and suffer hardships which the youngest of us would shrink from. For more than 20 years he attended the sitting of the Supreme Court at Sunbury without missing a single term and generally attended the District Court of the United States at Williamsport. He was always employed in the most important cases and there was scarcely a cause of importance originating in this district that did not embrace his name as an attorney or counsel on one side or the other. With what honesty and integrity he at all times discharged the duties and obligations incident to the profession I need not say—the high and unblemished character which he always maintained in the public estimation is a sufficient answer. No honest client who sought him for an honest purpose ever left dissatisfied. With a keen and just sense of right and wrong and with that honesty of purpose which characterized him through life, with an active and impressive mind he embarked in the cause of his client, when convinced that he had been wronged and injured, with as much ardor and vehemence as if the cause were his own. And his accurate judgment of men, whether jurors or witnesses, gave him a great advantage over most of the profession and made him an efficient counsellor, an invaluable colleague and a fearful opponent.

"Mr. Williston was commissioned President Judge of the 13th Judicial District, comprising the counties of Bradford, Tioga, Potter and McKean by Governor Johnston, April 6, 1849. He held the office till Nov. 6, 1851. By an amendment to the State Constitution, the judiciary was made elective and Hon. David Wilmot was chosen his successor. The manner in which Judge Williston discharged his official duties gave very general satisfaction. His unblemished integrity as a judge, his great professional attainments, his familiarity with the duties of his court and his high sense of his judicial obligations endeared him to the profession and gave them the highest degree of confidence in his decisions. Of the private character of the deceased, what can I say? We were all his neighbors and his friends. My voice sinks within me and my tongue almost refuses its office when I bring back in memory the social qualities which so endeared him to the large circle of his acquaintances and friends whom he ever enjoyed while his health lasted. No man among us ever more enjoyed the society of his friends, and no man had a more happy faculty of making all happy around him. His last looks upon earth were upon those he most loved. They soothed his pillow, lessened the agony of his dying hours and received his affectionate and final blessing. He lived and died in the full belief of the Christian's hope. He died August 14, 1855 at Athens in the 73rd year of his age.

Judge Horace Williston was married Jany. 8, 1809 at Lisle, N. Y. by his brother, Rev Seth Williston, D. D. to Hannah Parsons (b June 13, 1779 at Richmond, Mass.), daughter of Capt. Jacob and Lorraine (Sedgwick) Parsons, They had nine children, Rhoda, George, Horace, Lorenzo, Eliza, Hannah, Clarissa, Lorraine and John, all of whom grew to maturity except Hannah, and all but George, Lorenzo and Clarissa lived and died in Athens.

Horace, b Aug. 7, 1813, married 1st, Jane White, 2nd, Catherine R. Barber and had children, Anna B. (Mrs. Lucius A. Sherman), Katherine M. and Rev.

Horace; died April 13, 1878 in Athens. He was many years agent for the Carroll lands, Brigadier General of State Militia, one of the first and an active abolitionist.

Lorenzo P. read law with his father and was admitted to the bar Dec. 13, 1837. He removed to Wellsboro for the practice ot his profession and was elected to the lower branch of the State Legislature from Tioga county. In 1860 he went West and was subsequently appointed Territorial Judge of Montana by President Lincoln. After the expiration of his term of office he returned to Wellsboro and contined to practice law until his death in 1887.

Alexander Kennedy (originally Canedy, Canada), a native of Vermont and of Scotch-Irish parentage, emigrated, 1820, with his wife, ten sons and nine daughters from Halifax, Vt. to Sheshequin. In 1822 he removed to Springfield township, settling a mile from Leona, where he and his sons cleared and improved a large farm, still owned by his descendants. Mr. Kennedy, who was born July 12, 1764, was a man of large stature, noted for his strength and athletic power. He married Catherine, daughter of David Brown of Colerain, Mass. She was born Dec. 20 1770 and died Aug. 20, 1853. He died Nov. 12, 1847. Both inhumed in the family plot on the Kennedy farm. Their children and marriages follow: *Sally* to Abraham B. Gore, Sheshequin; *Alexander* died unmarried; *Margery* to Joel Guild; *David* not married; *Noble* to Betsy Haskins; *Avery* to Achsa Shult; *Elizabeth* to George Wilcox; *Polly* to Chester Williams, Troy; *Lydia* to Alanson Smith, Armenia; *Eli*; *Hosea* to 1st, Martha Wolf, to 2nd, Lucretia Wilson, to 3rd, Maria Knowlton, to 4th, Ruth Ann Brown; *Lephe* to George Wolf, Columbia; *Comfort* to Hannah Smith; *Babe* died; *Chester* to Electa Hallock; *Annis* to Elisha Rich, Springfield; *Morton* to 1st Betsy Smith, to 2nd Lucretia Schaff; *Antis* to David Fanning; *Samuel* to Letty Hakes.

Capt. James Smith, a native of Yarmouth, England, who was educated by the British government for the marine service, came to Sheshequin in 1820. Until forty years of age his life had been spent upon the seas, during which time he made three voyages around the world and visited almost every port. He was captain of a vessel for 17 years, and as a representative of the navy was at different times in attendance upon the King's court. The rich dress which he wore on court occassions was preserved and brought to America with him. After coming to Sheshequin he married Rebecca Gillett, sister of Warren and Dr. Zadoc Gillett. He never lost his fondness for the water. He constructed and operated the first sail-boat on Lake Wesauking; also had sail-boats on the river and built canal boats. Captain Smith had received an excellent education and is remembered as a kindly gentleman of courtly manners. He died Oct. 1, 1860, aged 76 years and 7

months. His wife died July 13, 1850, aged 68 years. Their only child, James, married Diana, daughter of Nathaniel Shores.

George Gooding, a native of Devonshire, England, after a voyage of six months, reached Sheshequin in 1820. He married, 1824, Mrs. Jane (Smith) Eggett, a native of Yarmouth and sister of Capt. James Smith. He died in Sheshequin May 28, 1875, aged 80 yrs, 3 mos and 8 ds. His wife died Dec. 27, 1867, aged 73 years. By her former marriage Mrs. Gooding had two daughters: Mary Eggett who married O. H. P. Kinney and Jane Eggett who married Ralph Gore. Unto George and Jane Gooding two children were born: *Edward G.* who married Mahala A. Kipp and *Millinie*, the second wife of George Gore.

Charles Phillips from West Springfield, Mass. located in Springfield township, 1812. Here he died, 1860, upon the farm which he had cleared and improved, survived by his wife Anna and children, James L., Charles, Elijah, Martin, Mary, Sarah Ann and Caroline (Maynard).

Elam Bennett came as a settler to Springfield township in 1815. He was long a leading member in the Baptist church. At the time of his death, 1863, he and his wife Mary were the oldest couple in Springfield. Their son Francis G. Bennett succeeded to the homestead.

Ezra Rathbone, a Revolutionary soldier, spent his last days in Smithfield where he died, 1829. He had a son, Abner Rathbone, who with his wife, Betsey, 1837, convey 62 acres of land in Smithfield to Darius Bullock.

William Robinson, a native of Granville, Mass., born November 5, 1791, followed his brother, Curtis Robinson (p 187) to Orwell where he spent the balance of his days. He married, 1811, Lydia Parker (b Oct. 4, 1789) and had children who married as follows: *Malenda A.*, b Nov. 26, 1812 to Bishop Waterman; *Olive M.*, b May 20, 1814 to Joel Barnes; *L. Eliza*, b July 4, 1816 to Judson Eastabrooks; *William O.*, b April 18, 1819 to Alvira Snow; *Aurora P.*, b July 9, 1822 to Mary Green; *James E.*, b Oct. 20, 1825 to Mary Barber; *Almira E.*, b Jany. 11, 1829 to Isaac Clark; *A. Celistina*, b Sept. 20, 1833 to Chester Parks.

Isaac Park, born Oct. 25, 1784 at Groton, Conn. was a son of Stephen and Annie (Williams) Park. His father was a Revolutionary soldier and lost his life, 1792, while trying to cross the North river on the ice. Isaac learned the boot and shoe trade, served eight years in the Militia and as Minute Man, 1813. In 1814 he removed to Otis, Mass., where he built a tannery and shoe-shop and carried on business until 1818 when he followed his old friend and neighbor, Elihu Buttles, to Bradford county, settling in Herrick. Here he took up a farm

and died May 7, 1850. He married, 1812, Hannah, daughter of Jonas and Lucy (Spicer) Gray of New London, Conn. They had children, Isaac Austin, Lucy and Jackson.

Isaac Austin, b Oct. 26, 1814, married Jany. 1, 1845, Melissa A., daughter of Levi Mericle, died March 16, 1892 in Herrick. He spent several years in the South-west then returned to Herrick and engaged extensively in farming. In 1862 upon the formation of the 141st P. V. he was chosen captain of Company D and served until April 1863 when he resigned on account of sickness. He was county commissioner 1853 to '56, a prominent and worthful citizen, having the confidence and esteem of all.

Charles Stuart, a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, came from the state of New York to LeRoy and there spent his closing years. In his will he provided for his wife Mary, children, Clarissa Gibbs, Elvira Kelly, Deborah Wilcox, Aurelia Grover, Sally Barnum and Betsy Shaft and grandson, Charles S. Minard. His death occurred Feby. 18, 1840 at the age of 79 years and 3 months; inhumed in the LeRoy cemetery.

Thomas Munn from Tompkins county, N. Y. located in Litchfield township in or before 1812, sharing with others the privations and hardships of pioneer life; and here spent his days in clearing and improving land. He married Mary, daughter of Silas Wolcott. Their children and marriages follow: *Charles* to Hannah Swartwood; *Silas* to Sally Park; *Elijah* to Anna Merrill; *Rowen* to Jane Andrus; *Betsy* to 1st E. T. Potts, to 2nd Alanson Loomis; *Joseph P.* to Abigail Merrill; *Lemuel* to Harriet Wilkinson; *John* to 1st Eunice Johnson, to 2nd, Phebe Park; *Thomas* to Mary Ann Lambert; *Ezra* to Jane Chandler; *Ulysses* to Charlotte Lambert; *Huston* to Rachel Sinsebaugh; *William* to Caroline Chandler; *Ransom* died in young manhood.

Other Early Residents of Litchfield were Ruloff and Samuel Campbell, the latter of whom built the first saw-mill in the town, Alsop Baldwin, William Loomis, Daniel Bush, who built and operated a grist-mill, William Cotton, Nathaniel Hotchkiss, Absalom Adams and Paul Apgar, a blacksmith.

Squires Family from Connecticut of which Peter and Sturgis were members, was among the first to locate in Columbia township. Owing to land difficulties, it appears that only *Peter* remained and he removed to Ridgebery township where he settled permanently. *Sturgis*, a younger brother, returned East, joined the Connecticut Militia and served three years, or until 1815, during the War of 1812. After the war he went to the Lake country thence Ridgebery where he continued to re-

side until his death in 1879, aged 87 years. He was a man of considerable prominence and was elected county commissioner in 1850. The Squires of the second generation in Ridgebery were Miles E., Nathaniel, Phineas and Reuben F.

John L. Webb, one of the most successful pioneer politicans, was born Feby. 25, 1794 in the state of New York. His parents were Connecticut people who had moved to the Empire state but subsequently returned to the "Land of Steady Habits." Among the shrewd and hardy Yankees he that was to play an active part in our political history, received his training and education. In 1813 he came with a neighbor to Chemung county, N. Y. and in 1819 was united in marriage with Annis Hammond. In 1823 he removed to Ridgebery township. His first political honors, after coming into the county, was the appointment as justice of the peace, an office he held about ten years. Becoming interested in public affairs, he soon took a hand in politics, espousing the principles of the Democratic party. In 1827 he was nominated and elected coroner and in 1830 county commissioner. He performed his duties with ability and fidelity and having made friends in the county and being a shrewd manager, in 1833 was nominated by his party and elected sheriff. Up to 1836 Mr. Webb had been successful in all his political contests. In that year he met with his first reverse. He was the Democratic nominee for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention, his opponent being Nathaniel Clapp, Whig, of Athens. The Whigs made a determined effort to carry the county and succeeded, defeating Mr. Webb by 137 votes. Although active in the councils of his party, Mr. Webb was not again a candidate for office until 1845, when he with Victor E. Piollet was nominated by the Democrats for the legislature. Both were elected and the following year Mr. Webb was re-nominated. At the election held Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1846, he was elected, but having been taken suddenly ill, he died on the Saturday following. He was in the prime of life and vigor of manhood. His worth and abilties were being appreciated. Had he lived he would have attained, undoubtedly, higher honors in the political arena. His good sense, natural shrewdness and unimpeachable character made him a leader among his fellows. Dr. Bullock, Gen. Samuel McKean, Jas. P. Bull, E. S. Goodrich, Wm. Elwell, David Cash and David Wilmot were his Democratic associates and warm personal friends. All the sons of John L. Webb became political leaders and filled high positions of honor and trust. Mrs. Webb survived her husband twenty-five years. They had one daughter, Polly S., who married Virgil S. Vincent of Smithfield. Of their distinguished sons:

James H. was born Dec 4, 1820. He belonged to the Wilmot school of Democrats, but upon the formation of the Republican party cast his fortunes with it. As in the case of his father, his first office was that of Justice of the Peace to which he was elected in 1847. In 1854 he was nominated and elected as a Democrat, register and recorder, and in 1857 re-elected to the same office by the Republicans. He was elected to the legislature in 1866 and re-elected for four successive terms and then again elected in 1873. During the session of 1871 he was chosen speaker of the House of Representatives. His record as a law-maker was a long and honorable one. He was at all times faithful in the performance of his duties and looked well to the interests of his constituency. While some more brilliant fell, he scoffed the briber's gold and was always true to the people and his county. In 1881 he was again elected register and recorder. At the conclusion of his official term he retired from politics and gave his attention to the practice of law, having been admitted to the bar at the age of 65 years. The death of this splendid man and citizen occurred in Towanda, February 21, 1896.

William C. went West, read law and was chosen president judge. He also served as a member of the legislature in both Wisconsin and Kansas.

Henry G. prepared himself for the legal profession and was admitted to the Bradford county bar in 1849. He went to Wisconsin where he was elected to the legislature, serving in both the house and senate. He moved to Kansas and was chosen a president judge. His death occurred Sept. 28, 1910 in his 85th year.

Charles G. also went to Wisconsin and engaged in the practice of law. He was twice a state senator, two terms president judge then elevated to the supreme bench and finally became chief justice of Wisconsin. Instances are, indeed, few where father and all his sons succeeded along the same line and each through his own efforts.

David Griswold came to Wells township, 1818, purchasing of George Hyde. He was prominent in the affairs of the new settlement and several years a justice of the peace. He died, 1865, survived by his wife Sarah Ann.

Nathaniel N. Betts came from Oxford, N. Y. to Towanda, 1820, to officiate as clerk for Gurdon Hewitt with whom he subsequently became a partner. After Mr. Hewitt removed to Owego he sent Joseph D. Montanye to Towanda as his clerk. He afterwards sold his interest to the other two and and the firm became Betts & Montanye—for several years one of the principal firms of the town. Mr. Betts was in his

later years a magistrate and scrupulously honest in his official relations. He married Eliza, daughter of Wm. Means and after her death Eliza C., daughter of Dr Adonijah Warner of Wysox. His death occurred May 29, 1875 at the age of 76 and that of his wife, April 18, 1897, at 93 years. They left children, Eliza Ellen who married Dr. Henry C. Porter and Nathaniel Noble, long cashier of the First National Bank of Towanda.

Samuel Starks, a Revolutionary soldier, came to the Orwell neighborhood before 1812. The last years of his life were spent in the vicinity of Tuscarora where he died March 18, 1834, aged 75 years. Charles Starks, evidently a son, was appointed administrator of his estate and furnished as bondsmen, Cyrus Shumway and Martin Lyon.

Nehemiah Curtis in 1820, a resident of Bradford county, on September 11th, in asking for the benefits of a pension, made affidavit as follows: "That he the said Nehemiah Curtis, enlisted for a term of three years on the — day of June, 1777 in Massachusetts in the company of Capt. Joshua Eldy in the regiment commanded by Colonel Gamabel Bradford; that he continued to serve in said corps until August 6, 1780, when he was discharged from the service in the state of New York; that he was in the battles of White Plains and Frog Point; aged 65 years and a farmer by occupation but unable to work at trade; family a wife 60 years old." Further as to this patriot we are not informed.

Frederick Fisher, popularly known as "Major Fisher," came to the Monroeton neighborhood about 1820 and a few years later moved to the Towanda Hills. He was an active politician, prominent in local affairs, a singing-master and major of militia. At the husking bees and political gatherings his voice was always heard. He married Dolly, daughter of Rev. Elisha Cole; died May 14, 1857, aged 60 years, 6 mos and 7 ds; she died May 16, 1865, aged 66 years and 24 ds. Their children were John, George, Marvin, Willis, Laura (Mrs. Mace), Lamira (Mrs. Lyon), Avaline (Mrs. Merritt Knapp), Isabella (Mrs. Hiram Adams) and C. Orlando.

Bradford County Chronology

1800--1820

VISITATION of Pests—At different periods great destruction has been caused by pests which have visited this section. In 1800 locusts appeared and devoured every green thing before them. At first a worm that worked itself out of the earth in vast numbers appeared. The ground was alive with them. A shell next formed, which after a little time, opened on the back and the locust came out with wings and legs, resembling the grasshopper, but much larger. They soon flew to the trees and bushes in multitudes and devoured the foliage, but passed away the same season. They also swarmed throughout the wilderness in 1795, 1814, 1829 and 1846. In 1856 the wheat crop was almost entirely ruined by the weevil. In many sections the grain harvested was not sufficient for the next year's seeding. In consequence, for a year at least, the people had to subsist almost wholly on corn and rye bread. Grasshoppers and potato bugs seem to have been more of a modern creation but close rivals of the locust and weevil in their destructive propensities.

1800—Thomas Fox, Daniel Doane, Jonah Fox and Russell Fox, the first settlers in Windham.

Pioneer Mail Service—A post-route from the East was established and maintained by private subscription. The post-rider made his trips every two weeks, bringing the mail to Wyoming thence up the river. Prince Bryant, an early settler at Sugar Run, was one of the first post-riders. During the occupation of Asylum by the French, they established a weekly post to Philadelphia, the postman making his trips on horseback. The Act of Congress, April 23, 1800, established the first post-roads in the country, being from Wilkes-Barre by Wyalusing to Athens and from Athens by Newtown, Painted Post and Bath to Canandaigua. Post-offices were established at Wyalusing and Athens and commissions issued Jany. 1, 1801 to Peter Stevens and Wm. Prentice as postmasters respectively. In 1803 Charles Mowery and Cyril Peck carried the mail from Wilkes-Barre to Tioga, on foot, once in two weeks.

The Pedobaptist Congregational Church of East Smithfield was organized February 11, 1801 at Poultney, Vt. by Rev. Elijah Norton and Rev. Lemuel Haynes, the celebrated colored preacher. The members were Solomon Morse, Samuel Kellogg and Nathan Fellows. They chose Samuel Kellogg their moderator and were commended to the grace of God. Their articles of faith were penned by Rev. Haynes. With their families these three gentlemen started for the "far west," arriving the same month in what is now East Smithfield. The first record of the church, May 16, 1801, is the baptism of Jemima Almira, daughter of Solomon Morse, Rev. James Thomas officiating. The first business was Aug. 16, 1801, when Sarah Kellogg and Jemima Morse were received into the church on profession of faith.

Perished In The Wilderness – February 15th, 1801, Henry Lent of Rome made a trip to Athens and on his return through a blinding snow storm, following a foot-path from Sheshequin, when reaching what is now Towner Hill, he became bewildered and exhausted by the darkness and intensity of the cold and was frozen to death. He was found a few days afterwards near a tree, around which he had run in the vain attempt to prevent freezing. So many times had he gone around the tree that a crease was cut in the bark by the rim of his hat.

1801—Mt. Zion township organized from Athens and Ulster, changed to Orwell, 1802.

1801—Ephraim Ladd and sons, the first settlers in Albany township.

July 4th, 1801—The first general celebration of American Independence at Wyalusing was an occasion of great interest. People assembled from all parts of the country. Such a gathering had never been witnessed there before. John Hollenback presided at the meeting. Jonas Ingham made an address on "Disputed Land Titles," in which he defended the claims of the Connecticut settlers and denounced with great severity the adverse legislation of Pennsylvania. Uriah Terry composed an ode on the death of Washington which was sung by Polly Sill. The whole celebration ended with a barbecue. A huge bear killed that morning and roasted whole provided meat for the entertainment. Towanda, then Wysox, also celebrated. "Wm. Means provided an entertainment, the style and elegance of which reflected great credit on his taste and industry. An oration was delivered by Reed Brockaway. After dinner a number of appropriate toasts were drank."

Rev. Thomas Smiley and Wild Yankees—In 1801 Col. Abraham Horn was appointed agent for the Pennsylvania land-holders to put the "Intrusion Law" in force. In June he came into Bradford county, but apprehending danger from the violent opposition of the people, stopped at Asylum. Rev. Thomas Smiley had been appointed a deputy agent and furnished with the necessary papers. By July 7th he had obtained the signatures of nearly forty settlers to their relinquishments (Connecticut title) and submissions, and started for Asylum. A meeting was held and the "Wild Yankees" determined that the business must be stopped. About twenty men from Sugar Creek, Ulster and Sheshequin, armed and disguised, started in pursuit. Mr. Smiley, hearing the arrangements of the conspirators, went down to Joshua Wythe's near Monroeton, where he remained until dark, and then stopped for the night at Jacob Granteer's, near the mouth of Towanda Creek. The party, learning of his lodging place, followed him, broke into his room, compelled him to burn his papers, took him near the creek, poured a bottle of tar over his head and beard, then adding feathers, after giving him a kick told him he might go, but must leave the country. Several were arrested for participation in this ignominous affair, but the proof being insufficient, "not a true bill" was returned by the grand jury. It was asserted, also, that the man who carried the bottle of tar was one of the jurors who acted in the case. In 1819 the legislature granted Mr. Smiley $250 in compensation for his sufferings.

1802—April, Burlington township organized from Wysox.

Connecting Line Opened, 1802—The first outlet from the county, leading to the West Branch, seems to have been along the old Indian path, down Lycoming Creek from Canton. Wallis and Harris in 1777 made an extensive survey on the headwaters of Little Loyal-Sock Creek and the South Branch of Towanda Creek, covering a good part of what is now Colley, Cherry and Forks in Sullivan and Albany in Bradford county. It was necessary for these surveyors in doing so large a job to have a supply road from the nearest settlement to some point convenient to their work, and it is probable that the Wallis Road, running from the West Branch near Muncy to the Forks of the Loyal-Sock, was first opened as a pack-horse route for this purpose. Subsequently the French Refugees who had settled at Asylum, wishing a more direct communication with the Muncy Valley marked out and opened from the termination of the Wallis Road, near the Forks of the Loyal-Sock, to their settlement what was afterwards known as the Frenchtown packhorse road. This completed *the first*

through route for pedestrians or equestrians from the West to the North Branch, but was never opened for general travel. In 1802 the *Genesee Road* which afforded the first thoroughfare was opened. This road started near Millstone Run in Monroe, thence in a southwesterly course passed through the central part of Overton to Eldredsville thence to Muncy. This road was of use only to travellers. For a decade it was the main and in fact the only thoroughfare between the North and West Branch of the Susquehanna. It was called the Genesee Road because it afforded the first thoroughfare to emigrants from Southern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia to the rich valley of the Genesee river, then the popular rage.

Pioneer Perishes By Cold—In the winter of 1802-'3, Wm. Harding and Wm. Arnold of Warren made a trip to Sheshequin for provisions. These secured, each with a pack of 50 pounds thrown over his back, started for home. A heavy snow fell and closed their track. Near where Potterville now is Mr. Harding gave out and could proceed no further. Mr. Arnold went for help but when he returned found his companion a stiffened corpse.

1803—Capt. John Harkness, the first settler in Springfield township.

Great Fever Epidemic—In the early summer of 1803 a fever, which baffled the skill of the best physicians, swept through Wysox, Sheshequin, Ulster and Athens. The disease proved fatal to many young people of both sexes; it abated during the fall but broke out with virulence the following winter.

First Murder Trial—In June 1803 Amos Hurlbut of Wyalusing had some words with John Dalton, who struck him across the head with a sharp instrument, causing his death. Dalton was tried for his life, the following being the record of proceedings, courts of Luzerne county:

"*Republica vs John Dalton*; indictment for the murder of Amos Hurlbut with count for voluntary manslaughter; true bill, August 16, 1803. The defendant being charged at the bar, pleads not guilty and thereof puts himself on the county for trial; attorney-general likewise, and now, August 17, 1803, a jury being called came to wit: James Atherton, Noah Taylor, Solomon Johnson, Oliver Pettibone, Zebulon Marcy, Daniel Ayres, Caleb Wright, Joseph Sweatland, Joseph Reynolds, Abraham Shurtz, Roger Searle and Case Cortlandt, who being duly sworn and affirmed to try the issue aforesaid on their oaths and affirmations, respectively, do say that they find the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree. Whereupon, the court, to wit, on the 19th day of August, 1803, sentence the defendant to undergo an imprisonment at hard labor for the period of 18 years; and that he be fed and clothed and that in all respects treated, according to the direction of the 'Act to reform the penal laws of the State'; and that he be placed

and kept three years out of the 18 in the solitary cells in the penitentiary house in the city of Philadelphia and fed on low and coarse diet; and that he pay the costs of prosecution and stand committed until this whole sentence be complied with." Dalton was pardoned by Governor McKean in 1808. He died soon after in a Philadelphia hospital.

1804—August, Canton township organized from Burlington.

1804—Post-offices established at Wysox and Sheshequin with Burr Ridgway postmaster at the former place and Avery Gore at the latter.

1804—Jesse Moore, the first permanent settler of South Creek township.

A Convention of Churches of Smithfield, Wysox, Orwell, Wyalusing and Braintrim was held at Wysox, February 16, 1804 at which a resolution was passed against Sabbath-breaking, profanity and gambling, and offenders were threatened with the rigors of the law if they did not desist.

Colonel Franklin and Division of County—Col. John Franklin, the earnest and persistent advocate of the Connecticut claim was very popular with the New England men of Luzerne county by whom he was elected every fall to represent them in the legislature, where every opportunity was seized by him to vindicate the justness of the Connecticut title and protest, in most bitter language, against the greed of the Pennsylvania land-holders and the unusual severity of the measures taken to secure their titles. He was a continual thorn in the side of the Pennsylvania land-jobbers, who at that time possessed controlling influence in the legislature and they determined to get rid of him—legislate him out of the House. To effect this, the northwestern part of Luzerne, including the residence of Colonel Franklin, was attached to Lycoming county. An Act, approved April 3, 1804, provided that that part of Luzerne county beginning where the northeast branch of the Susquehanna crosses the State line, thence southerly to the northeast corner of Claverack, thence by the northerly side of Claverack to its westerly corner, thence in a direct westerly direction to the line of the county, be attached to the county of Lycoming. In 1805, however, Colonel Franklin was elected by the people of Lycoming, and to the chagrin and mortification of his enemies he appeared again at Lancaster and took his seat.

1804—Jonas Ingham of Wyalusing elected to the Legislature from Luzerne county. Through his efforts the "Intrusion laws" and "Territorial Act," which were obnoxious to the people, were repealed.

1805—Isaac Fuller and Joel Campbell and their sons, the first settlers in Ridgebery township.

The Great Hunt—There were two "big hunts" in this county in 1818, but the ***Great Hunt***, an event unequalled in this or any other country, took place in 1805. At that time there were less than 5,000 inhabitants in what is now Bradford county. There were a few small villages, but the settlers were generally scattered about on farms. With the exceptions of these clearings, the country was still an unbroken area of dense forest. Wolves, panthers and bears had hardly thought of retiring before the encroachments of the settlers. Deer roamed the woods in herds and the elk still browsed in the mountain fastnesses. The backwoods clearings were constant foraging grounds for wild beasts. The few sheep, swine and cattle the pioneers possessed were never safe from these marauders and it frequently happened that these raids left the settlers' stock inclosures entirely empty. Although hundreds of wild animals annually fell victims to the traps, snares and guns of the pioneers, their depredations still remained a serious obstacle to the welfare of the settlers. In 1805, at the suggestion of a long-suffering farmer named Buck, it was resolved to organize a systematic and combined raid on the haunts of the animals, whose destructiveness, individual efforts had but slightly checked. Buck's idea was to enlist every one in the afflicted settlements who was old enough to carry a gun and with this small army form a circle around as large an area of country invested by the animals, they desired to assail, as the number of men warranted. The party was to be divided into companies of 10, under the lead and command of an experienced woodsman and hunter. When the hunting ground was surrounded, each party was to move forward simultaneously toward a common centre, the march to be conditioned on such obstacles as streams, swamps or hills that might intervene. As the raid was to be merely of extermination, deer, elk and other unoffending animals were not to be ruthlessly nor indiscriminately killed. Every hunter, however, should be bound to lay low every panther, catamount, bear, wolf or fox, young or old, that crossed his path.

The pioneer's suggestion was unanimously adopted at the meetings of settlers held at convenient localities, and it was resolved to make two raids during the year. One was to be in June, when the animals they sought would generally be found with their litters and families of young brought forth in the spring, thus affording opportunity to put much future trouble out of the way with ease, and the other raid was fixed for November, during the nutting season. Every arrangement for the successful and smooth working of the novel campaign was perfected during the winter and spring and when the day came for the grand raid to commence, 600 men, each armed with his flintlock, a

hatchet and a hunting knife and provided with two days' rations, were ready for the march.

The number of men who were to participate in the raid was known for days before the appointed time and warranted the selection of a wide area of country to hunt over. A wild region, which was known to furnish all the requirements of the animals to be proceeded against, extending from the headwaters of Wyalusing Creek and taking in portions of Lycoming and Luzerne counties, it was thought could be profitably and thoroughly scoured by a large party, and a circle of hunters, five to a mile, was formed in that region. This gave an area 40 miles across, or 120 miles around, to close in upon.

The day before the day appointed, each command of 10 men had received orders to be at a place designated at 6 o'clock in the morning and to be in position to start forward half an hour later. The arrangements were all successfully carried out. The circle was to be reduced 10 miles the first day. Each hunter had strict orders not to shoot, except when he saw some animal plainly and within easy range, to avoid the danger of shooting a fellow-hunter in mistake for game moving, but not seen, in the brush. During the first day's march through the woods and swamps, all round the great circle of hunters, the result of the raid, according to the returns of the hunters, whose shots had been successful, was as follows, old and young: Panthers, 40; wolves, 58; bears, 92; foxes, 20; catamounts, 13. The second day's march brought the hunters close together at the center of the area and also drove into close quarters a large number of wolves, bears and panthers, besides many deer and a few elk. The hunters stood in ranks five deep about them.

The panthers yelled furiously from the tree-tops as they leaped from branch to branch to escape, but rifle balls met and followed them in all directions. Bears huddled together, covering their cubs with their bodies, growling fiercely and showing fight even against such fearful odds. Wolves sneaked and snarled about, showing their great white teeth and looking a fierceness they did not possess. The frightened deer and elk ran wildly to and fro within the circle and frequently made desperate rushes and cleared the wall of hunters at a bound. Short work was made of the corralled beasts of prey and when the slaughter was over the record for the two days' hunt stood: Panthers, 72; wolves, 90; bears, 145; foxes, 37; catamounts, 28. A number of deer and elk were also killed by hunters who could not resist the temptation. Scores of both could have been slain with ease. Foxes and catamounts, being less belligerent than bear and panther and more

wily, escaped with less slaughter, although very numerous in the woods. The bounty on the animals killed amounted to $550. The skins had an aggregate value in these days of not less than $2,500. Then the bears killed yielded at least 35 pounds of highly prized food to each hunter. But the benefit that resulted to the farmers from the raid in protecting their pastures and farm-yards overbalanced ten-fold all other profit there was in the hunt. The November raid proved also very successful and the destructive prowlers of the woods never regained the foothold in the region they had so long enjoyed.

Move Towards New County—At a meeting of delegates from Wysox, Wyalusing and Braintrim "it was thought necessary to give inhabitants of the north part of Luzerne and the east part of Lycoming notice to appoint one delegate from each district to meet at the house of William Means on Tuesday, the 11th day of November next, to consult and agree where the line shall run for the purpose of having a new county, set off." Signed by John Taylor, John Horton, Jacob Strickland, Jonathan Terry, William Means, Asa Stevens, Thomas Wheeler, B. Laporte, Amasa Wells, Justus Gaylord, Jr., Josiah Grant, Reuben Hale, Eleazer Gaylord and Job Irish. March 24, 1806, "an Act to erect parts of Luzerne and Lycoming counties into a separate county district" was read the first time, and "ordered that it be recommended to the attention of the next Legislature."

The Dark Day or total eclipse of June 6, 1806, filled the people with awe. Birds sang their evening songs, disappeared and became silent; fowls went to roost; cattle sought the barn-yard and candles were lighted in the house. Many persons believing that the end of all things had come, betook themselves to religious devotions. There was an earlier historic *dark day*, May 19, 1780, extending all over New England.

Visit of Celebrated Preacher—"A queer specimen came to the Burlington settlement in June, 1806, dressed in Quaker drab and broad-brimmed hat and took up his abode at Mrs. Jane McKean's. He announced preaching in the church that evening and a general notice was sent throughout the settlement, accompanied with a faithful, if not an exaggerated, description of the preacher. A large congregation assembled to hear and see the unknown oddity. He had not given his name, nor the locality whence he came and until he ascended the pulpit every one was ignorant of all things concerning him. He then announced: 'My name is Lorenzo Dow; my business is to save souls from hell, and for this purpose I have brought my credentials, which are these—'*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned.' A strong and lasting impression was made by his sermon, and the eccentric went from house to house exhorting the people and in the evening preached from the text—*'Beware of wolves in sheeps' clothing,'* intimating rather strongly that they had better inquire into his antecedents and ascertain if it was not a wolf, who had robbed a Quaker sheep of his garb, who was warning them from the wrath to come."

Great Snow Storm—Beginning March 31, 1807, snow fell continuously three days and was between four and five feet deep. For several days it was cold blowing weather, then the sun shown out and the snow melted rapidly, causing a *great flood*, one of the most notable in the Susquehanna river.

1807—April 3, *Union Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M.*, the second oldest secret society in the county, instituted at the house of Amos Mix in Wysox with the following charter members: James Grant, David Scott, Wm. B. Whitney, Ebenezer B. Gregory, Abner C. Rockwell, James Swartwout, Eliphalet Mason, Amos V. Matthews, Cyp Grant, Orente Grant, Oratio Grant, Josiah Grant, Asahel Johnson, Amos Mix, Ebenezer Tuttle, George Scott, Wm. B. Foster and William Myer.

State Road, East and West—In 1807-'8, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature a road was surveyed, "beginning at a point where the Coshecton and Great Bend turnpike passes through the Moosic mountains, thence in a westerly direction to the western bound of the State." This road, which was several years in building, passed through the towns of Pike, Herrick and Wysox, crossed the river at Towanda, thence up by Gregg's, through East Troy and Covington in Tioga county.

1808—Ephraim and Nathaniel Platt, brothers, the first settlers in Herrick township.

1808—January, Towanda township organized from Wysox and Wyalusing.

1808—November 16, *Burlington Baptist Church organized*, the original members being Elisha Rich, Sr., Elisha Rich, Jr., Russell Rose, Moses Calkins, James Mattison, Phœbe Rich, Peggy Rich and Lydia Rose. March 25, 1809, Aaron Case, Elisha Rich, Jr., John Barber and Eli Parsons appointed a building committee. May 6, 1809, the church entered a very commodious house of worship for the time, built of hewn logs with galleries on three sides, on lands given by Elder Rich, east of Troy village, now the site of Glenwood cemetery.

1809—Great *July flood* in the Susquehanna river; extensive damage to growing crops.

1809—December, Smithfield township organized from Ulster.

1810—Daniel Heverly and sons, the first settlers in Overton township.

An Association of Magistrates—A meeting of the justices of the peace in the northern part of Luzerne county was held February 8, 1810 at the house of Jonathan Stevens in Wyalusing, "for the purpose of forming a society and fixing certain precedents to govern said society." Henry V. Champin was chosen president and George Scott secretary. Among the resolutions passed was one in which they declare "that we will use our best endeavors to suppress all pettifogging whereby it appears they do it with an intention to stir up and encourage litigation." The second meeting was held in Wyalusing, June 12, 1810. A constitution was adopted which provided that the name of the society should be the "Associated Magistrates resident in the north part of Luzerne county." Among the requirements in this article of its members were "to use every precaution to suppress law suits and to bring about a reconciliation between the parties; to reprove persons of immoral character of every description and by all proper means to suppress every species of vice and immorality." Those signing the constitution were Henry V. Champin, Josiah Fassett, Isaac Brownson, Guy Wells, Salmon Bosworth, Parley Coburn, William Myer, George Scott and Eliphalet Mason. After 1811 there were no records of the society and it is believed that the association ceased to exist with the changes that grew out of the organization of the new county.

Ontario and Susquehanna—On January 17, 1810, Mr. Dorrance brought in from a special committee, previously appointed and directed so to do, the Act which finally set off the two new counties (Bradford and Susquehanna), but as county districts only. It subsequently passed both houses, was approved by the governor and became a law as the Act of February 21, 1810. The bill as first reported from the committee gave the name of "Morris" to Bradford county, but before passing, "Ontario" was substituted for it. Among other things the Act provided that Ontario "should remain attached to Luzerne and Lycoming counties for all judicial and other county purposes the same as it had been, until it shall be otherwise directed by law." In 1812 Bradford became a separate judicial district or county.

New Baltimore—In anticipation that the county-seat of the new county would be at Wysox, in 1810, a town plat was surveyed, streets marked and named and the place called *New Baltimore*. The people of

Wysox were very much disappointed when in 1812 the trustees selected Towanda as the site for the court house.

Mail Service 1810—Conrad Teeter (1810) contracted with the government to carry the mail once a week in stages from Sunbury to Painted Post, by the way of Wilkes-Barre, Wyalusing and Athens. However, he did not always drive his "coach and four," as he was accustomed to call his stage and team, going on horse-back or with a one-horse wagon when the mail was small or the passengers few. August 8, 1810 the Towanda post-office was established with Reuben Hale postmaster. The office was kept by E. B. Gregory whom Mr. Hale had appointed his deputy. When the stage arrived on the east side of the river the mail-carrier would blow his horn when some one would be sent across the ferry for the mail which would be left in a hollow stump. This was usually carried over in one's pockets or a pillow-case.

Counterfeiting Gang—In 1811 a gang of counterfeiters were operating in what is now Bradford county. They had a retreat under an overhanging rock up Millstone run in Monroe township, known as "the cave," used to conceal their spurious coin and bills, as also themselves in times of danger. In the same locality they had their "money-mill" where spelter coins were cut and died from German silver plates which were brought into the country by the gang. The counterfeit paper money was made and obtained in the city. The mode of swindle follows: "A smooth tongued sharper approaches an inhabitant, exhibiting to him a full hand of genuine silver dollars and half-dollars and with great assurance informs the Puritan where such new and shining coins can be obtained for half price. The unsuspecting man invests $5 in the hands of the sharper and at the stipulated time receives the $10, all bright with apparent new coinage (but counterfeit). Unsuspicious next invests all he has, can find or borrow and induces his neighbors to deposit in this unseen bank for themselves, exhibiting the gains that he has made so easily. In this way the unsuspecting are induced to contribute largely to this new money-making institution, and nearly all the available funds of the whole population are gathered into the hands of the sharpers in a private way. The rascals made a pile in the final strike and their dupes empty pockets and some of them empty homes." After the organization of the county Sheriff Rockwell broke up the combination and scattered them in all directions. In the "great scare," one man fled to Canada and others to New York and Ohio. The arrests and prosecutions were chiefly for meddling with counterfeit paper money.

Springfield's First Celebration, 1811—The first and a grand 4th of July celebration in Springfield township was held at the home of

Luke Pitts; the speaker was Theodore Leonard and Isaac Cooley marshal of the day. Exactly 50 years afterwards Mr. Cooley officiated in the same capacity at a celebration in Springfield.

Young Ladies School—The first school exclusively for females in this section of country was opened in Towanda, 1811, by Mrs. E. B. Gregory at her own house as a boarding school for young ladies and girls. Mrs. Gregory was very strict but an accomplished lady and excellent teacher. She gave instructions only in the rudimentary branches. One of her pupils says: "We did our studying on the second floor, which to reach, we had to mount a ladder." The school was continued two or three years. Among the pupils were Hannah Ridgway, Eliza Warner, Eliza and Nancy Hale, Zilpha and Roxy Mason, Vesta, Augusta and Miranda York.

1812—Coal discovered in Bradford county on Coal Run in Barclay township by Absalom Carr while hunting. It was first used by Jared Leavenworth, a blacksmith.

Bradford County Organized—The bill to organize the county for judicial purposes was reported favorably January 11, 1812, passed by the house March 10 and by the senate March 24 and the same day approved by the governor. The Act fixed the second Tuesday of October, following, as the time when its complete organization should take effect and directed on that date its county officers should be elected; it provided that its first court should be held at the house of William Means in Towanda township and changed the name of the county from Ontario to Bradford in honor of Col. William Bradford. *William Bradford* for whom the county is named was a descendant of Wm. Bradford, a printer, who came from England to Philadelphia, 1685, as a printer of books for the Society of Friends in the colonies. Both Colonel Bradford and his father were distinguished patriots of the Revolution. He was the first attorney-general of Pennsylvania, a judge of the supreme court of the state and attorney-general of the United States, being appointed by President

Washington, 1794. While filling the last office he was stricken with fever and died, 1795 at the age of 39 years. He left no children.

First Political Parties —With the organization of the county came the lining up the political forces to capture the offices. The parties locally, as in the state and nation, were Federalists and Democratic-Republicans. Representatives from different parts of the county of each of these parties at a meeting or convention, decided upon a county ticket which was recommended to the voters. In 1812 the Federalists presented the following ticket: For sheriff, Abner C. Rockwell of Towanda township and John Spalding 2nd of Athens township; for county commissioners, Wm. Myer of Wysox township, Justus Gaylord, Jr. of Wyalusing township and Joseph Kinney of Ulster township; for coroner, Harry Spalding of Towanda township and John Taylor of Wyalusing township. The following was the opposing Democratic-Republican ticket: For sheriff, Samuel McKean of Burlington township and Wm. Means of Towanda township; for county commissioners, Samuel Gore of Ulster township, John Saltmarsh of Athens township and George Scott of Wysox township; for coroner, John Horton of Wyalusing township and John Minier of Ulster township.

The First Election in and for the county of Bradford was held Tuesday, October 13, 1812 for the election of sheriff, county commissioners and coroner. At said election, candidates for congress, state senator and assembly were also voted for. The districts participating in the first election and their election boards follow:

Athens and Ulster: Judges—Zephon Flower, Ebenezer Shaw and Chas. F. Welles.

Burlington: Judges—John McKean, Isaac Swain and Ebenezer Kendall; Inspector—Nathan Ballard: Clerks—Howard Spalding, Churchill Barnes and David Ross.

Canton: Judges—Luther Hinman, Samuel Griffin and Samuel Rutty; Inspector—Daniel Ingraham; Clerks—Horace Spalding, Isaac Chaapel and Orr Scovell.

Orwell: Judges—Chester Gridley, Edward Russell and Josiah Bosworth; Inspector—Cyp Grant; Clerks—Oratio Grant, Benj. J. Woodruff and Josiah W. Grant.

Rush (Rindaw district): Judges—Benajah Bostwick, John Hancock and Jesse Ross; Inspector—Asa Olmstead; Clerks—Jesse Hancock and Samuel Edsall.

Smithfield (Cliftsburg): Judges—Samuel Campbell, Austin Leonard and Ichabod Smith; Inspector—Wm. Furman; Clerks—Samuel Satterlee, Jr. and Moses Wheeler.

Towanda: Judges—John Felton, Jacob Bowman and Charles Brown; Inspector—Eliphalet Mason; Clerks—Ethan Baldwin and Ebenezer B. Gregory.

Wyalusing: Judges—Jonathan Terry, Humphrey Brown and Wm. Camp; Inspector—Amasa Wells; Clerks—Joseph Ingham, Justus Lewis and Uriah Terry.

Wysox: Judges—Jesse Allen, Wilber Bennett and Wm. Myer; Inspector—Ralph Martin; Clerks—Harry Morgan, Jacob Bell and Hiram Mix.

One of the judges from each district met the other judges at the house of Wm. Means in Towanda township, October 16th, canvassed the returns and certified as to the result. At the election there was much independent voting. Local candidates were generally given the preference. The result was very close, neither party being entirely successful. The Federalists elected sheriff and commissioners and the Democratic-Republicans, coroner. The vote stood as follows: *Sheriff*—Rockwell, 337; Spalding, 272; McKean, 260; Means, 225; John Taylor, 149; John Mints, 108. In addition to the foregoing complimentary votes were cast for 33 other persons. John Doe receiving 9 votes and Richard Roe, 15. Each elector voted for two candidates and the names of two receiving the greatest number of votes were forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, one of whom the governor commissioned to be sheriff. The same rule applied to coroner. *County Commissioners*—Myer, 454; Gaylord, 388; Kinney, 351; Gore, 349; Saltmarsh, 315; Scott, 303; Clement Paine, 84; David Scott, 17; Eliphalet Mason, 14. Complimentary votes were cast for 6 other persons. Myer having the largest vote was declared elected for 3 years; Gaylord, the next largest, for two years and Kinney, the smallest, for 1 year. *Coroner*—Horton, 353; Minier, 345; Spalding, 292; Taylor, 235; Reuben Hale, 87. Complimentary votes were cast for 17 other persons. The total number of votes cast in the county was 791. Owing to the fact that there were but nine polling places in the county, roads few and in bad condition, it is surprising that even so large a number of persons should have voted, many being required to go a distance of 15 miles through the wilderness.

Other First Officers—Under the Constitution of 1790, only a part of the county officers were elective. The State administration in 1812 was Democratic-Republican. Governor Snyder accordingly selected for the appointive offices in the new county persons in harmony with his administration. John B. Gibson had been given the appointment of president judge of the district, and as his associates for Brad-

ford county, Governor Snyder commissioned George Scott of Wysox and John McKean of Burlington. Charles F. Welles of Athens was appointed clerk of the several courts, prothonotary, register of wills and recorder of deeds. The county commissioners (Federalists) had two appointments, that of county treasurer and commissioners' clerk. These officers were given respectively to Harry Spalding of Towanda and Joseph Kingsbury of Sheshequin. The Federalists were in possession of the sheriff's office while the coroner was a Democratic-Republican. It will thus be seen that when the machinery of the county went into operation, the first administration was about equally divided between the two parties.

First Official Acts—Under date of July 13, 1812, Charles F. Welles was commissioned recorder of deeds, register of wills, prothonotary and clerk of the several courts. He took the oath of office October 14th and on that date filed the first papers. The first instrument placed upon the records, under date of Jany. 20, 1813, is the commission, issued October 14, 1812 by Governor Simon Snyder to John B. Gibson, as "President of the courts of Common Pleas of the 11th judicial district or circuit, consisting of the counties of Bradford, Tioga, Wayne and Susquehanna." The first deed recorded, October 25, 1812, was that from Stephen Pierce of Smithfield to Helmont Kellogg of Goshen, Conn for 206 acres of land in Smithfield. The first letters of administration were issued Nov. 19, 1812 to John D. Saunders upon the estate of John Cranmer late of Towanda township. The first will recorded, Dec. 23, 1812, was that of Ezra Rutty of the township of Claverack (Towanda). The first proceedings in the Orphans' Court, Jany. 19, 1813, petition of Elsy Ridgway asking for the appointment of a guardian for her son, Wm. Moger, a minor.

The second officers to qualify were the County Commissioners. The original entry in their journal reads: "November 10, 1812, Commissioners met for the first time in the county of Bradford; present, Joseph Kinney, Justus Gaylord and William Myer together with the Trustees of said county; convened on account of the donations made relative to the seat of justice, at the house of Ebenezer B. Gregory." Several succeeding meetings were held to consider the same subject. Jany. 10, 1813 Harry Spalding appointed treasurer for one year. Jany. 19, 1813 Joseph Kingsbury appointed Commissioners' clerk for one year at the rate of $1.33 a day.

Abner C. Rockwell was commissioned sheriff for three years "from and after the second Tuesday of October, 1812." He furnished bond in the sum of $5,000 with Jacob Bowman, Silas Scovell and Charles

Brown as sureties; recognizance taken and bond filed Dec. 1, 1812; took oath of office Dec. 22, 1812 and entered upon his duties.

The County Plat—Upon locating the site of the court house in 1812, the proprietors laid out the town into lots and streets, which on the original plat was called *Overton* and is so called in the deed conveying the public or court house square and a lot on State street, below Main, for county offices, to Joseph Kinney, Justus Gaylord and Wm. Myer, commissioners of the county and their successors in office, in trust for the use of the county, described as being a part of a large tract called "Canewood" and patented to William Kepple, May 17, 1785, who conveys the same to Adam Kuhn, Aug. 24, 1795, and he to Thomas Overton, Oct. 24, 1810, being the tract of land where the stake was stuck for the county town of Bradford county, now called "Overton," containing two acres, more or less.

Pioneer Libraries—A century ago a large proportion of the settlers of Bradford county were from New England. Many were well educated for the times and had become acquainted with the periodicals and books extant. Their thirst for knowledge did not slacken after coming into the wilderness. Books were few and expensive, but the ingenuity of the Yankee always found a way for everything and thus was created the "Wysox and Orwell Library Company." Prior to 1812 a few books had been gathered for public use, the collection being styled the "Orwell Library." This was the nucleus for the new and greater library, and the origin of public libraries in the county. Under date of December 26, 1812, 154 persons residing in Wysox, Orwell, Rome and Standing Stone, being the subscribers, set forth as follows: "Having taken into consideration the advantages resulting from public libraries, do hereby resolve to make the attempt for a library institution to be called the *Wysox and Orwell Library Company*, and as a first step towards said establishment do agree that said library shall consist of 200 shares at $2.50 per share, payable in merchantable lumber or grain at the market price within three months after the books shall have been purchased, etc." The 200 shares having been fully subscribed, a meeting was held February 6, 1813 at which by-laws and regulations were adopted, Dr. S. T. Barstow elected librarian and J. M. Piollet, Jacob Bell, Wm. Myer, Wm. F. Dininger and Asahel Johnson as standing committee. March 13th following standing committee met and selected books, "other than such as are selected by the subscribers." This institution answered a useful purpose for twenty years. Meetings were held and officers chosen annually until 1834 when we find the last record of proceedings under date of March 3. The association being un-

incorporated could not enforce its by-laws and the subscribers becoming careless about returning books gradually brought the library to an end.

Soon after the establishment of the Wysox and Orwell library, another on a similar basis was organized at Towanda as will be seen from the following notice, under date of May 1, 1814, appearing in the *Bradford Gazette:* "***Library Notice!*** All persons owning shares in the Towanda Library, known by the name of the 'Orient Library,' are requested to meet at the house of Elisha Cole in Towanda on the third Monday inst. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All persons holding books are desired to return them on or before said day. Eliphalet Mason, Samuel Cranmer." The next was the Athens Library started about 1815 by David Paine.

The First Court in Bradford county was held at the house ("Red Tavern") of William Means in Towanda. The original entry of proceedings follows:

"January Sessions, 1813.

Bradford County, ss:

At a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden at Towanda in and for the county of Bradford on the 18th day of January anno domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen: The commission of Honorable John B. Gibson, Esquire, appointing him to be President of the several Courts of the 11th Judicial District in Pennsylvania, was read with a certificate of his having taken and subscribed the requisite oaths of office; and also the commissions of John McKean and George Scott, Esquires, his associates; the commission of Abner C. Rockwell, sheriff; the deputation of Henry Wilson as prosecutor for the Commonwealth; and the commission of Charles F. Welles, appointing him to be Prothonotary; Clerk of Quarter Sessions, Clerk of Oyer and Terminer, Clerk of Orphans' Court and Register and Recorder in and for the said county of Bradford, and their several official oaths were respectively read; whereupon came the said Abner C. Rockwell, High Sheriff, as aforesaid and before the said President and Judges made return of several writs and process to him directed, here this day returnable. Among which he produced a certain *venire facias jurators* with a panel thereto annexed which being called over, the following persons appeared, to wit:

1. James Ward, foreman.
2. Jonathan Stevens
3. John Spalding
4. Isaac Chapel
5. Adonijah Warner
6. Isaac Foster
7. David Rundle
8. Samuel Cranmer
9. Jonathan Fowler
10. Austin Leonard
11. Zephon Flower
12. Ezra Spalding
13. Jesse Allen
14. Moses Calkins
15. Parley Coburn
16. John Harkness
17. Reuben Hale
18. Humphrey Brown
19. Robert Ridgway
20. Jonathan Frisby
21. Elisha Rich

who were duly sworn and affirmed for the Commonwealth and the body of the county of Bradford.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, Ebenezer Bowman, Esq. admitted as an attorney in the courts of Bradford county and sworn. Whereupon Mr. Bowman moved

for the admission of Messrs. Palmer, Graham, Scott, Mallory and Stuart as attorneys to practice in said courts, which was granted accordingly and the usual oaths administered. The oath of office was then administered to Mr. Wilson; and on motion of Mr. Wilson, Ethan Baldwin was admitted as a practicing attorney in the courts above mentioned and qualified according to law."

The first case listed in the Court of Quarter Sessions was that of the Commonwealth vs Wm. B. Spalding. The first case tried was that of the Commonwealth vs John Head; indicted for assault and battery upon the body of John D. Saunders; true bill presented Jany. 19, 1813; Jany. 20 jury called—find the defendant not guilty and that the prosecutor, John D. Saunders pay the costs. The first case listed in the Court of Common Pleas was that of Ethan Baldwin vs Andrew Gregg; capias, case issued Jany. 12, 1813. The first judgment entered, Enoch and David Paine vs Ebenz. B. Gregory, transcript from the docket of John Shepard, Esq. wherein judgment was rendered Feby. 3, 1813 in favor of plaintiff for $101.40.

New Townships—In April 1813, the union of townships in Bradford county was made 13 by the addition or formation of *Pike* from Rush and Orwell; *Warren* from Rush and Orwell, *Windham* from Orwell and *Wells* from Athens. The territory embraced in these four new townships comprised nearly one-fifth the entire area of the county. In August, 1813 there was an addition of two other townships, *Columbia* with an area of 43 square miles and *Springfield* with an area of 44 square miles, both taken from Smithfield.

The First Newspaper in the county, the *Bradford Gazette*, was established Aug. 10, 1813 by Thomas Simpson and published every Tuesday at Towanda at $2 per annum. It was four pages, 16 inches long, 5 columns to the page. In his announcement, the publisher says:

"The necessity of a weekly publication in this county being sufficiently obvious, it is presumed there will be no impediment to the general patronage of this paper when the public are fully assured that its object is not disunion and domestic animosity, but the acceleration of local business, diffusion of national intelligence and in all these matters, which are generally comprehended within the limited view of a newspaper—the amusement and benefit of our subscribers. Situated as the United States are it is impossible for any man who interests himself in the affairs of the country, should be impartial between its two great political sects. He who pretends to be impartial is no more than a pretender. The editor is a Republican and his paper will bear that character in the editorial department, but its pages will be at all times free to well written communications of whatever political nature, provided they be not calculated to wound private feelings, or estrange the free and general intercourse of neighborhood. The editor's intention is to serve the whole and to please all without violating his duty or abandoning the above professions."

On account of the difficulties attending the publication and distribution of his paper, Mr. Simpson issued his last number Aug. 23, 1814 and sold the plant to Burr Ridgway. Mr. Ridgway resumed publication of the *Gazette*, April 13, 1815 and continued same until 1818, when he sold the press and material to Lemuel Streator and Edwin Benjamin, who changed the name of the paper to *The Settler*. The second paper in the county was *The Washingtonian*, established September, 1816 at Towanda by Lewis P. Franks. It was ably edited as an advocate of the Federal party but appeared only for a little more than a year.

1813—Considerable excitement and interest over the war with England. Many from the county enter the United States service.

The Second Election for county officers was held October 12, 1813. The candidates put forward by the Democratic-Republicans and Federalists received votes as follows: *County Commissioner*—Burr Ridgway (D. R.), 365; Joseph Kingsbury (F.), 257. *County Auditors*—Clement Paine (D. R.), 372; Moses Coolbaugh (D. R.), 363; Jonathan Stevens (D. R.), 363; Parley Coburn (F.), 253; Aden Stevens (F.), 258; Russell Fowler (F.), 250. The Democratic-Republican candidates for the Assembly received a majority in both the Lycoming and Luzerne sections of the county. The result was a complete Democratic-Republican victory. Referring to the election the *Bradford Gazette* says: "The Democratic ticket has carried in Bradford, Tioga, Susquehanna and Luzerne counties; not a single Federal elected in either of these counties, some of which formerly gave a large Federal majority."

1813—The first jail in the county was a *log addition*, built to his house by Sheriff Rockwell at Monroeton. Here the prisoners were kept, 1813 to '16.

1814—April 25, Athens Academy opened with Prof. Sylvanus Guernsey of Harrisburg, first teacher.

Grand Celebration at Smithfield—"The inhabitants of Smithfield and vicinity convened on July 4, 1814 at the house of James Gerould to commemorate this eventful era. At 11 o'clock the procession was formed and escorted by Lieut. Hayes, the officer of the day, to an adjacent grove, where the ceremonies of the day were performed in the following manner: Introductory prayer by Elder Ripley; reading Declaration of Independence by Col. Samuel Satterlee; Charles Woodworth delivered an oration, appropriate to the occasion. Rev. Mr. Stone closed the ceremony by prayer. The procession then moved back to the house and partook of an excellent repast, the American flag waving 70 feet over their heads. After the cloth was removed 22

toasts were drank, attended by music and the firing of musketry; the company then retired with cheerful hearts without an instance of irregularity."—*Bradford Gazette.*

"*The Cold Plague*"—"In the fall of 1814 a disease called the 'cold plague' made its appearance among the people of the Sugar Creek valley, the premonitory symptoms being an intense ague, the shaking continuing ten or twelve hours. This was succeeded by an exudence of a yellowish slime from the loins and the abdomen, and the patient would fall into a collapse, become unconscious and generally die in about forty hours from the first attack. Scarcely one-twentieth of those attacked recovered, men seeming to be more liable to the attack than women, and all persons under fifteen years, being wholly exempt. The disease subsided and disappeared as the weather grew colder."

1814—November, original Asylum township organized from Wyalusing.

1814—During this year, company of volunteers recruited by Capt. Julius Tozer of Athens, go to the front. Militia of the county called out by the governor placed under the command of Lieut. Eliphalet Mason of Monroe and proceed to Danville, Pa.

Political Matters, 1814—There was but little excitement over politics in the county this year. The Democrats put forward Clement Paine for county commisssoner and Samuel McKean, Eliphalet Mason and John Hollenback for county auditors. The Federalists nominated John Taylor of Wyalusing for county commissioner and David Paine, Athens, W. F. Dininger, Wysox and Salmon Bosworth of Pike for county auditors. At the October election following the Democrats won on state officers, county commissioner and one auditor, while the Federalists elected two auditors. The vote follows: *Governor*—Snyder (D.), 331; Wayne (F.), 277. *Congress*—David Scott (D.), 308; Wm. Wilson (D.), 306; Jared Irvin (F.), 303; John Boyd (F.), 281. *Commissioner*—Paine (D.), 321; Taylor (F.), 269. *Auditors*—Hollenback (D.), 283; Mason (D.), 318; McKean (D.), 306; Paine (F.), 294; Dininger (F.), 308; Bosworth (F.), 308. Candidates for state senator and assembly were also voted for. The Luzerne section of the county was in one senatorial and assembly district and the Lycoming section in another. The only local candidate was Julius Tozer of Athens who stood as a Democratic candidate for assembly. He was defeated.

Severe Winter 1814-'15—"This year there was heavy snow and a hard winter. The wolves were driven down from the mountains in search of food and many sheep were devoured by them. They

could be heard howling at all times of night. The inhabitants were much in fear of them and were afraid to pass from Milltown to Athens, even in the daytime. There was no travelling after dark, so great was the fear and danger. The sheep were often called into the door-yard and lights were kept burning for their protection. Bears and panthers were sometimes seen between the rivers. Bounties were offered for killing these animals and those that were not killed retired to the mountains."—*From journal of John Shepard.*

Towanda and Wysox Celebrate—"On Tuesday, July 4, 1815, in pursuance of previous arrangement, a respectable concourse of citizens assembled at Mr. Haslet's inn in Towanda village for the purpose of celebrating the 39th anniversary of our national independence, in a manner consonate with the joy and gratitude they felt on that occasion. At one o'clock p. m. a procession being formed they marched to an adjoining grove where an oration was delivered by Ethan Baldwin, Esq. The utmost order and harmony prevailed. The procession then returned and partook of a repast prepared for the occasion. After the cloth was removed a number of toasts were drank. The day was spent in that joy and conviviality which friendship and unanimity alone can inspire; the wine, which flowed plenteously, could scarcely by its exhilarating powers add to the hilarity and merriment, when such was the cordiality of hearts, and such was the occasion. No disturbance or scene of intoxication occurred to interrupt or mar the pleasures of the day. * * * The citizens of Wysox and vicinity without any distinctions of party met at the house of J. M. Piollet to celebrate the 39th anniversary of Independence. Wm. Myer was appointed president of the day and Abel Eastabrooks vice-president. An oration was delivered by Rev. Mr. York, the company then sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Mr. Piollet. When the fare was over 23 toasts were drank, accompanied by the discharge of guns and the hilarity of the festive board."—*Bradford Gazette.*

The First Court House was a frame structure about 30x40 feet, occupying the site of the rooms of the Bradford County Historical Society and extending some feet farther north; it was two stories high with basement, standing lengthwise with the river; in the center of the crown of the gable roof was a small cupola containing a bell. The entrance to the building was by the door in the center on the west side, facing the public square. The basement was *the jail* and a couple of rooms on the first floor were also used for keeping prisoners, the balance of the floor being occupied by the jailor. The court room was on the second floor. Peter Egner of Northumberland was the contractor

and builder who erected and completed the superstructure in 1815; the masonry had previously been done under the supervision of the Commissioners. The total cost including contributions was about $7,000. The court house was first occupied Jany. 9, 1816, and was used continuously until March 12, 1847, when it was destroyed by the great fire of that date.

The Wysox Fishery was one of the most celebrated on the river and was a source of considerable profit to its promoters for many years. According to the deed, 1815, from William and Joel Tuttle to M. Miner York, Moses Warford, Jacob and William Myer, Ralph Martin, Wm. Coolbaugh, Elisha Cole and George Scott the land embraced in the fishery on the Wysox side was contiguous to what was called the "Narrows fishing."

NEW AND CHEAP GOODS!

Gentlemen and Ladies please to call at my Store in Wysox, a few doors below Fencelor Castle, and on the south side of Pond Lane and west side of Squabble Hill street, where I have on hand, (Just received by the fast sailing boat Rose-in-Bloom, Capt. Griffin, in a short passage of seven days from Wilkes-Barre), a New and General Assortment of Goods, suitable to the season, consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Queens & Glass Ware, Hardware and Cutlery, Stationery,

Gentlemen's and Ladies' Saddles and Bridles, Portmanteaus, Hats, etc.,
all of which will be disposed of cheap for
Cash, Lumber or Produce.
Cash paid for clean Cotton and Linen Rags.

My customers have my sincere thanks for their past favors, and I again solicit their patronage. WM. KEELER.

Wysox, Sept. 23, 1815.

1815—September 5, the *Church of Orwell and Warren*, organized as a Congregational church by Rev. John Bascom and Rev. Salmon King with 8 members; changed to Presbyterian, 1824.

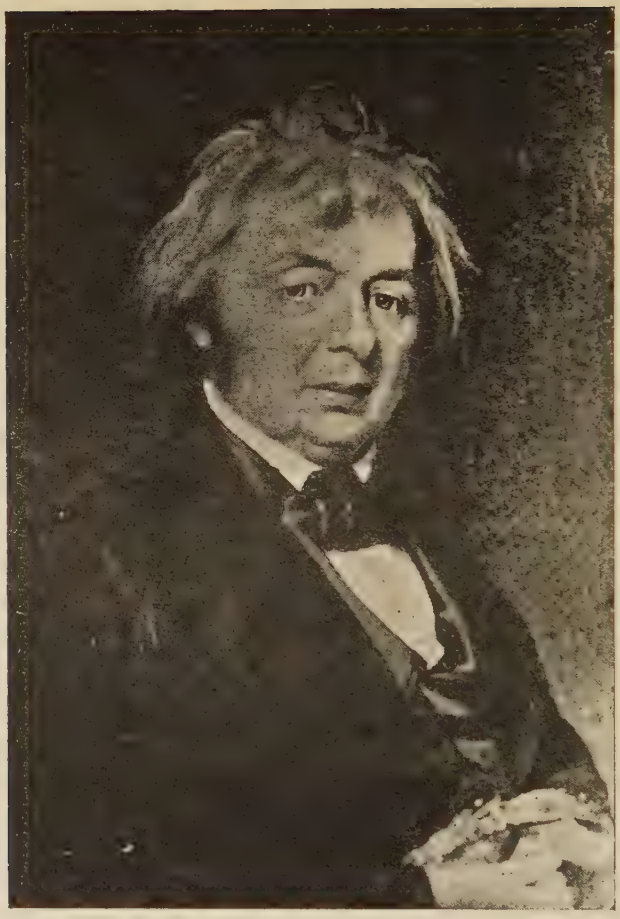
1815—December, Troy township, organized from Burlington.

Political Contest 1815—The delegate system was inaugurated this year and especial effort made by both Democrats and Federalists to strengthen their organization by binding resolutions and an appeal, or "address" to the voters. This, however, did not prevent a third or independent ticket being put in the field. These were the nominations: *Democrats*—For state senator, Henry Welles, Athens; assembly, Samuel McKean, Burlington; sheriff, Julius Tozer, Athens; commissioners, John Hollenback, Wyalusing and Samuel Satterlee, Smithfield; coroner, Reuben Wilber, Troy; auditor, Ethan Baldwin, Towanda. *Federalists*—For state senator, John Franklin, Athens; assembly, Joseph Kingsbury, Sheshequin; sheriff, John Spalding 2nd, Athens; commissioners, Salmon Bosworth, Pike and Nathaniel Allen, Troy; coroner,

E. B. Gregory, Towanda; auditor, Theron Darling, Orwell. *Independent or "Merino"*—Assembly, Samuel McKean, Burlington; sheriff, Wm. Allen, Wysox and John Mints, Towanda; commissioners, Charles Brown, Towanda and Jonathan Stevens, Standing Stone; coroner, Reuben Hale, Towanda; auditor, John Hancock, Pike. Candidates at the October election received votes as follows: *State Senator*—Henry Welles (D), 572; Samuel Stewart (F), 266; Welles was chosen in the district which included the counties of Bradford, Clearfield, Center, Lycoming, Potter, McKean and Tioga. *Assembly*—Samuel McKean (D), 444; Joseph Kingsbury (F), 447; McKean was elected in the district including Bradford and Tioga county. *Sheriff*—John Spalding 2nd (F), 433; Julius Tozer (D), 411; John Mints (M), 80. *Commissioners*—Salmon Bosworth (F), 404; Nathaniel Allen (F), 395; Samuel Satterlee (D), 374; John Hollenback (D), 389; Jonathan Stevens (M), 60; Charles Brown (M), 70. *Coroner*—Reuben Wilber (D), 421; E. B. Gregory (F), 308. *Auditor*—Ethan Baldwin (D), 415; Theron Darling (F), 382. In speaking of the outcome the *Bradford Gazette* says: "It appears from the above had it not been for the reduction which they suffered by the Merino ticket the Democrats would have carried every candidate by considerable majority."

Hon. Thomas Burnside, the second Judge of Bradford county, son of William Burnside, was born July 28, 1782 near Newtown Stewart, County Tyrone, Ireland. In 1792 his father came to America with his family, locating in Montgomery county, Pa.

At the age of 18 Thomas commenced the study of law under Hon. Robert Porter of Philadelphia; was admitted to the Bar, February 13, 1804 and in March removed and settled in Bellefonte, Pa. In 1811 he was elected to the state senate and was an active supporter of Governor Snyder in all the war measures of 1812. He was elected to Congress, 1815 and served during the memorable session of 1816. June 28, 1816, he was commissioned president judge of the 11th Judicial district or circuit composed of the counties of Bradford, Tioga, Wayne, Susquehanna, Pike and Luzerne. This position he resigned in 1818 and resumed practice at Bellefonte. In 1823 he was again elected to the state senate and in 1826 before his term had expired he was appointed president judge of the 4th Judicial district, which office he held until 1841, when he was appointed president judge of the 7th Judicial district (Bucks and Montgomery counties). January 2, 1845, he was commissioned an associate judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, an office he filled with honor up to the time of his death, March 25, 1857. It will thus be seen that both he and Judge Gibson were on the Supreme Bench at the same time. "Judge Burnside was a man of indomitable will and had that intensity of purpose which baffled want, poverty and ill-fortune. As a judge, he possessed a keen and discriminating sense of justice and extensive knowledge of the law and moral courage to carry its mandate into execution. In person he was of medium height, prominent nose and eyes, dark complexion, wore a wig and rather noted for want of comeliness of features. His kindness and blunt



honesty made ample amends for lack of personal beauty. In the language of a contemporary, 'the judicial ermine was as unspotted when he laid it aside for the habiliments of the grave as when he first put it on'."

The Year Without a Summer was the name given 1816 for in every month there was a sharp or killing frost. January was mild as was February with the exception of a few days. The greater part of March was cold and boisterous, April opened warm but grew colder as as it advanced, ending with snow and ice and winter cold. In May ice formed half an inch thick, buds and flowers were frozen and corn killed. Frost, ice and snow were common in June. Almost every green thing was killed and the fruit was nearly all destroyed. July was accompanied with frost and ice. In August ice formed half an inch thick. A cold northwest wind prevailed all summer. Corn was so frozen that much of it was cut down and dried for fodder. The first two weeks in September were mild and the balance of the month cold with frost, ice forming to the thickness of half an inch. October was more than usually cold with frost and ice. November was cold and blustering with snow enough for good sleighing. December was quite mild and comfortable. The destruction of crops was so general that a famine almost resulted. Early settlers referred to this unfruitful year as "eighteen hundred and starve to death."

"Game was plentiful in the woods and the snow being deep the following winter the deer were easily taken; but having browsed on laurel for a long time the venison was unwholesome and caused a distressing bloody flux. None of the settlers, however, died and in the spring getting access to the ground-nuts, leeks and artichokes, with the wild beef (bear's meat) corned, they managed to exist till the harvest of 1817 brought a greater abundance."

Parties and Candidates, 1816—The Federal party made its last great effort in 1815 and then went rapidly to pieces as a county organization. In 1816 these were the nominations: *Democratic*—For assembly, Samuel McKean, Burlington; commissioner, Eliphalet Mason, Towanda; auditor, Edward Herrick, Athens. *Federalist*—For assembly, Stephen Hopkins, Athens; commissioner, Abner C. Rockwell, Towanda township; auditor, John F. Satterlee, Athens. The Democratic candidates for congress in the district were David Scott and Wm. Wilson, and the Federal candidates for the same office were Roswell Wells and Wm. F. Buyers. At the October election the following was the vote in the county: *Congress*—David Scott, 712; Wm. Wilson, 714; Roswell Wells, 405; Wm. F. Buyers, 399. *Assembly*—Samuel McKean, 717; Stephen Hopkins, 399. *Commissioner*—Eliphalet Mason, 723; Abner C. Rockwell, 381. *Auditor*—Edward Herrick, 747; John F. Satterlee,

367. Of the ten districts participating in the election the only ones giving Federal majorities were Athens and Ulster, Wysox and Pike. In Columbia every vote was cast for the Democratic candidates while Wysox remained the Federal Gibraltar. At the November, or Presidential election, the Monroe and Tompkins electors (D) received 395 and the King and Howard electors (F), 82.

1816—Bradford county in 1816 paid $136 for bounties on panthers and $264 for bounties on wolves. These were days when it was not agreeable travelling after dark.

Terrible Winter, 1816-'17—Mrs. Clement Paine of Athens in her diary, says: "February 15,1817, the cold is very intense. Mr. Smith says it is the most severe winter we have had for 38 years. There are many sufferers on account of it. The extreme distress it brings is such as I have never known. Yesterday the cold was really terrifying. The streams being frozen, a famine almost prevails, and I am under serious apprehension that some will actually perish from want. We have baked our last bread, but it is not for myself that I fear. It is for those who have no bread, nor any other comfort, and many such there are around us. March 2nd, cold, famine and pestilence seem every day to increase and threaten desolation. The oldest person of our acquaintance remembers no such time. A mother thinly clad came 3 miles through the storm to beg a trifle for her children to eat. I have partially relieved three families today. The one best provided for had nothing save some frozen potatoes and milk—a family of nine children. March 5th, the very great and extreme severity of the weather has abated. It has been remarked by elderly people that such a severe winter has not been known since the year 1780." Mrs. Perkins adds: "Abisha Price was greatly straitened for food for his family and started out with his gun almost in despair, when he saw a fawn and was upon the point of firing at it, but discovered that a wolf was approaching behind him. He turned and killed the wolf, then pursued the deer, killed and dressed it and took it home to his family with a joyful heart. He went to Esquire Saltmarsh, made oath that he had killed the wolf, and obtained a certificate for which he received of the county treasurer $12 bounty. But for the success of this day, he said he could not have supplied his family through the season with the necessaries of life."

Postage Rates, 1816—In the first days of post-offices, the postage was paid by the one receiving the letter or parcel. By Act of Congress, February 1, 1816, the following rates of postage were established: "For single letters, any distance not exceeding 40 miles, 8 cents, over

40 miles not exceeding 90, 10 cents, over 90 not exceeding 150, 12½ cents, over 150 not exceeding 300, 17 cents, over 300 not exceeding 500, 20 cents, over 500, 25 cents. Double and triple letters (two or three pieces of paper) were double and triple the above rates.

1817—"May 13, 14 and 15 severe frosts at Towanda and in many places ice half an inch thick."—*Washingtonian.*

Berwick and Tioga Turnpike—By Act of the legislature, 1806, a company was incorporated for the purpose of constructing a road from Berwick on the Susquehanna to Newtown (Elmira) on the Chemung, which was known as the "Company of the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike Road." The state made an appropriation, 1808, the road being popularly called the "Berwick turnpike." The road began near Berwick and extended in a northwesterly direction through the counties of Columbia, Sullivan and Bradford thence to Elmira. Work on the road was begun soon after the granting of the charter. In 1808-'9, Daniel Heverly and sons constructed sections of the road from Millstone Run, across the huckleberry mountains through southern Overton whence it was extended by Rink's to Long Pond in Sullivan county. This was known as the "old turnpike" and was used until the route was changed from the vicinity of Long Pond by the way of Dushore, Albany, etc. The new route was completed over the North mountain to the county line in 1817. In 1818-'19 the road was constructed through Albany, down the South Branch to Monroe and subsequently extended across the southwest corner of Towanda township, through Burlington, Smithfield and Ridgebery to Wellsburg thence Elmira. The road was a public benefit, not only as a thoroughfare, but it gave employment to a large number of men and brought many settlers to Southern Bradford and Sullivan county. The company was unable to comply with the conditions of its charter and the road became a constant expense and annoyance. Many objected to paying toll and would tear down the gates and otherwise commit depredations. Accordingly the company forfeited its charter and abandoned the enterprise in September, 1847. Much of the road is still a public highway.

Parties and Candidates, 1817—Local nominations were as follows: *Democratic*—For congress, John Murray; assembly, Samuel McKean, Burlington; commissioner, Joseph C. Powell, Troy; auditor, Jonathan Stevens, Wysox. *Federalist*—Congress, John Franklin, Athens; assembly, Ezra Long, Troy; commissioner, Charles Brown, Towanda township; auditor, Timothy Alden, Towanda township. Following is the vote for candidates at the October election: *Governor*—Wm.

Findlay (D), 927; Joseph Heister (F), 333. *Congress*—Murray, 936; Franklin, 217. *Assembly*—McKean, 964; Long, 284. *Commissioner*—Powell, 974; Brown, 250. *Auditor*—Stevens, 948; Alden, 295.

1817-'18—Winter very mild until the 24th of February after which it was intensely cold.

1818—February, Ridgebery township organized from Athens and Wells.

1818—This year mail facilities greatly improved in the county. A route was established from Towanda to Burlington, Troy and Sylvania, thence back through Springfield and Smithfield to Towanda.

Big Hunt, 1818—A century ago wild animals were so numerous as to be a serious drawback to the pioneer farmers in the growing of their crops and the keeping of their live stock to say nothing of the constant fear in which they stood for the safety of themselves and family. In the fall of 1818 Col. Aden Stevens of Pike conceived the idea of a "big hunt" to be engaged in by as many men as could be collected from far and near on a given day and to be conducted on a systematic plan over a wide extent of country. Having formulated his plans, Colonel Stevens wrote the call for a general hunt and sent it to Wilkes-Barre for publication. In due time a large bundle of attractive posters was received and forthwith they were sent in every direction to advertise the great prospective event. Mounted messengers rode through a large section of country and the bills were posted in all the conspicuous places throughout the Susquehanna Valley. The call specified that every man was to come fully armed and equipped, either with a gun, an ax, spear or pitchfork, and that as many tin horns as could be collected were to be brought along. The men were assigned different places of rendezvous around the territory to be surrounded in detachments of 10 men each, these to spread out each way along the boundary line, forming a complete circle as near together as possible. Colonel Stevens, who was commander-in-chief, set December 4 as the day for the hunt.

The hunt was made up of two big hunting parties, that of Eastern Bradford and the other covering a section between the Susquehanna and Chemung rivers. Both hunts came off on the same day. For the eastern division, an area was mapped out, covering 10 miles square of the most unbroken wilderness. The line bounding this area began on the Susquehanna road at Wysox, extending down the river to the mouth of Wyalusing creek, up the creek 8 miles to a road that ran to the Wysox creek and then down that stream to the place of beginning. This dense wilderness contained many swamps and impenetrable thick-

ets with glens and rocky gorges, affording hiding places for the denizens of the forest, and game of all kinds was abundant. In the center of this territory a circular spot a mile across was marked out as the place to which the game was to be driven. In the center of this last blazed circle was a rounded knoll with a rise of some 50 feet, covering some three acres of ground with an easy ascent on all sides. A day or two before the hunt the hunters began to arrive from every direction, many coming 25 or 30 miles, some even farther. About 900 settlers responded to the call. The morning of December 4 came and all was ready. At 8 o'clock a blast was blown from a horn at Wysox. It was immediately answered from the waiting detachments on the right and left. From detachment to detachment the blasts resounded on around the line, sending their pealing echoes through the forest, and in 30 minutes the signal had gone entirely around the great circle and the army of hunters was on the march. Forward they moved while the loud blasts from the horns at short intervals, mingled with the shouts and noise of the men drove the animals in great numbers before them. Many animals escaped between the detachments at first, but as they drew closer together few made the attempt. About the middle of the afternoon the hunters came together at the appointed rendezvous, about a mile south of the State road. As they drew in around the knoll with orders to shoot only in front, the steady crack of the rifles resembled the sound of a regular pitched battle. When the slaughter ended the count showed 150 deer killed, 50 wolves, 15 bears and a great number of foxes. To dress and dispose of the game dispatched the greater part of the company remained on the ground all night.

The hunt of the Athens-Chemung company is described by Orrin Decker, a participant: "News of Colonel Stevens's prospective great hunt soon reached us in the upper Susquehanna valley and Elias Matthewson took up the idea and organized a similar hunt for the benefit of the sufferers along the State line. The district to be raided was that lying between the Susquehanna and the Chemung from what was then known as the Pine Woods on the south (Athens) at the junction of the two rivers and the hills north of Waverly. The hunt was under the command of two captains, Matthewson having charge of the Pennsylvania men and a Mr. Tuttle directing the movements of the New Yorkers. One hundred and fifty men responded to the call, a force entirely too small to cover the territory from river to river, and the New York hunters advanced from the northern hills, their line extending from the Chemung river to Shepard's creek. The plan was for the two parties to draw gradually together at a common center, driving such ani-

mals as were in the intervening area to that point, corralling them there, and putting them to indiscriminate slaughter. The spot selected for the centre of the circle was a small abandoned clearing midway between the two boundary lines, now Waverly village. The hunters began their march early in the forenoon. We had orders from the captain not to fire a gun until the rendezvous was reached. Early in the day it was seen that the force was entirely too small to have the lines sufficiently compact and many deer, bears and wolves succeeded in breaking through the gap and making their escape. This led to a pretty general disobedience of the order not to fire and guns began to bang on every side. Although a number of deer and other animals was killed, the firing was dangerous to the hunters and after three men had been hit with bullets the firing was discontinued.

"There were many in the ranks who were not armed with guns. They carried axes, pitchforks, clubs and even flails. These hunters made good use of these rude weapons on the march. Sylvant Decker of the Pennsylvania file particularly distinguished himself by dispatching two bears with his flail after a hard struggle. Jacobus VanSickle smashed the skull of an immense buck with his ax as the deer bounded by him. Young Mart VanDeven ran his pitchfork clear through a wolf and carried the struggling, howling beast aloft on his weapon until it died. Another man who earned much fame on that march from the Pine Woods was Warren Tuttle. An immense panther, which had been started from his lair, came bounding towards him through the tops of the trees, leaping from one to another with the ease of a squirrel. Tuttle waited until the panther was within easy gunshot. As the beast leaped from a tree to alight in another 20 feet away, Tuttle shot it while it was in the air, the bullet having passed through the panther's heart. It was late in the afternoon when the advancing lines were within hearing of one another. The spot encircled by the forces was perhaps half a mile each way across. In the contracted space frightened animals could be seen—deer darting here and there like the wind, seeking some avenue of escape; wolves snapping and snarling in unavailing hiding places; now and then a bear showing himself a moment, then slouching sullenly back into the bushes, growling and showing his teeth. In the indiscriminate firing that began in this corral it is a wonder that many hunters were not killed. The killing of game lasted about two hours, upwards of 30 animals being slaughtered and probably twice that number escaping."

Yankee Peddlers—With the organization of the county followed, not only public improvements, but an individual, the Yankee peddler, who was an appreciation. Stores were few and remote from the backwoods settlements, hence the coming of the peddler was heralded with delight. His "notions" were mostly articles of utility and almost every family found a little change with which to purchase. Some peddlers drove and would receive maple sugar, peltry, deer's horns, linen cloth and other articles in exchange for their goods. For many years the Yankee peddlers did a thriving business, always receiving a hearty welcome and generous entertainment from the settlers.

Candidates and Election 1818—In 1818 there was no organized opposition to the Democratic county ticket, although there were a number of independent candidates. The Democratic ticket comprised the following: Congress - George Denison and John Murray; assembly—Samuel McKean, Burlington; sheriff—Lemuel Streator, Orwell and Burr Ridgway, Towanda; commissioner—Bartholomew Laporte, Asylum; coroner—John Minier, Ulster and Wm. Means, Jr., Towanda; auditors—Wm. Means, Towanda (3 yrs), George Hyde, Wells (2 yrs) and Benj. I. Woodruff, Windham (1 yr). As a matter of second choice numerous candidates for sheriff and coroner were voted for at the October election. Candidates received votes as follows: *Congress*—Denison, 869; Murray, 869. *Assembly*—McKean, 745; Clement Paine, 159. *Commissioner*—Laporte, 790 (no opposition). *Sheriff*—Streator, 672; Ridgway, 350; Edmund Russell, 113; Abel Eastabrooks, 113; Uriah Terry, 112; James Watts, 101; Joseph C. Powell, 81; Chas. Whitehead, 76; Francis Tyler, 82; James Gerould, 65; Clark Griswold, 45; Solomon Keeny, 45; Conklin Baker, 11. *Coroner*—John Minier, 582; Wm. Means, Jr., 340; Adrial Hebard, 247; Harry Morgan, 130; Nathan Maynard, 95; Wm. Hart, 91; Samuel C. Keith, 41; Thos. B. Beebe, 40; Andrew Irvine, 23. *Auditors*—Wm. Means, 804; George Hyde, 865; Benj. I. Woodruff, 508; Gould Seymour, 339; Chas. Whitehead, 44.

1819—March 1, *Evergreen Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M.*, the fourth oldest secret society in the county, chartered and the officers therein named, being Eliphalet Mason, W. M., Simon Kinney, S. W., Russell Fowler, J. W. By the conditions of the charter the lodge was to hold its meetings at "Towanda or within five miles therefrom." The places of its gatherings varied from Myersburg to Monroe to suit the convenience of its members. The third lodge chartered in Bradford county was *Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 150, F. & A. M.* at Troy, 1817, with Ezra Long as first Master. During the Anti-Masonic excitement the Lodge

surrendered its charter. It was, however, revived in 1857 under the name of *Trojan Lodge No. 306.*

1819—September, Franklin township organized from Towanda and Canton.

1819—October 23, the second *Dark Day* occurred, when between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, the darkness was so great that the pioneer had to light his old lamp or blaze his pitch-pine knot.

The Political Contest, 1819 seems to have been on personal grounds rather than along political lines as an independent vote was cast throughout the entire county. At the October election candidates received votes as follows: *Senator*—John McMeens, 490; Wm. Wilson, 368. *Assembly*—John Ryan (Tioga county), 704. *Commissioner*—Wm. Myer, Wysox, 508; Andrew Irvine, Towanda, 316. *Auditor*—Samuel Bartlett, Ulster, 678; Churchill Barnes, Troy, 147.

1820—1840

1820—May, Sheshequin township organized from Ulster and Wysox.

1820—The first river bridge in the county constructed over the Chemung at Athens; rebuilt in 1836.

Population of Bradford county in 1820 was 11,554; in 1810 it was 6,288.

Township Reorganization—In 1820 there were 20 townships in Bradford county, 7 east of the river and 13 west of it. A petition was presented to the court setting forth:

"That your petitioners being sensible of the uncommon pressure of the times and being anxious to remove every source of unnecessary expense as well as to facilitate the transaction of public business in the county, are of the opinion that those objects may be forwarded by altering the present division of the county so that it may contain 12 townships only—an expedient which would be of much public benefit without injury to the property of individuals. Your petitioners would therefore pray the court to appoint commissioners to view and divide the county in such manner that 7 townships may be formed on the west and 5 townships on the east side of the Susquehanna river."

The movement met with storms of protest; public meetings were held in the different townships and resolutions passed opposing any change and offering methods of relief. The court took no action and the question was soon dropped.

Campaign of 1820—In 1820, for the first time since 1789, a great political convulsion swept over the state, electing a governor in opposition to the Democratic party. Governor Findlay's administration had been made unpopular and his own official conduct subject to investigation by an opposing legislature. In 1820 he was re-nominated by the Democrats. Joseph Heister, a brave officer of the Revolutionary

war, was put in the field against him by the Federalists and Indedendent Democrats. The result was very close, Heister being elected by only 1,600 plurality. The independent movement was general throughout the state. In Bradford county the Heister Democrats joined with the Federalists and gave the Democratic nominees a close race. At the October election the following was the result: *Governor*—Findlay, 915; Heister, 788. *Congress*—George Denison, 1503; Thomas Murray, 962; Wm. Cox Ellis, 574. *Assembly*—Simon Kinney, Towanda, 854; Joseph C. Powell, Troy, 765. *Commissioner*—George Hyde, Wells, 887; Darius Bullock, Smithfield, 779. *Auditor*—Harry Morgan, Wysox, 902; Andrew Coburn, Warren, 715. At the November, or presidential election, only one-seventh of the vote of the county was polled. The Monroe and Tompkins electors received 254 votes while two independent set of electors received respectively 2 and 7 votes each.

1821—April 18, two feet of snow after a three days' snow-storm.

1821—September, Monroe township organized from Towanda.

1821—December, L tchfield township organized from Athens.

First Agricultural Society—In 1820 an Act was passed by the legislature "For the Promotion of Agriculture and Domestic Manufacture." Even at that early day with all the disadvantages in a new country, farmers were progressive and desired to become better informed and excel in their chosen avocation. During December court 1821, a meeting was held at the court house in Towanda and the "Agricultural and Manufacturing Society of Bradford County" organized. Joseph Kingsbury was elected president, Ethan Baldwin secretary and Andrew Irvine treasurer. A constitution and by-laws were adopted at a meeting held in February 1822 and a list of premiums offered. Owing to the severe drought no exhibition was held that year. In 1823, Ethan Baldwin was elected president, Edmund Lockwood, vice president, George Scott, secretary and Andrew Irvine, treasurer. Premiums were offered on the following: "1. Best quality maple sugar made from 50 trees; 2. Greatest and best quality made from any number of trees; 3. Greatest quantity of good wheat from one acre; 4. Greatest quantity of corn from one acre; 5. Best piece of cloth of wool from sheep of our own raising, not under 10 yards; 6. Best lamb; 7. Greatest quantity of flax from ¼ of an acre; 8. Greatest quantity of hemp from ¼ of an acre to any number; 9. Best colt not under 1 nor over 3 years old; 10. The best figure and the best blooded seed horse; 11. The best bull from 1 to 3 years old; 12. Best yoke of oxen from 1 to 6 years old; 13. Best spring calf; 14. Best hog, according to age; 15.

Greatest quantity of cheese and the best quality from any number of cows, not less than five; 16. The finest and best quality of linen, not less than 10 yards; 17, Greatest quantity and best quality of potatoes, not less than ½ acre." There seems to have been no general exhibition, the society having only a temporary existance.

Campaign of 1821—With the Heister Democrats the old Federalists reorganized in 1821 under the name of "Republicans" in opposition to the Democratic-Republicans. The Republicans nominated the following: Congress, Thomas Murray, Jr.; assembly, Simon Kinney, Towanda; sheriff, George Scott, Towanda; commissioner, Lemuel Streator, Orwell; auditor, Luman Kellogg, Smithfield; coroner, Joseph Bloom, Burlington. The Democrats supported: Congress, Wm. Cox Ellis; assembly, Samuel W. Morris, Tioga county; sheriff, Joseph C. Powell, Troy; commissioner, George Kinney, Sheshequin; auditor, Joseph M. Piollet, Wysox; coroner, Chauncey Frisbie, Orwell. Wm. Keeler of Towanda was an independent candidate for sheriff. The successful candidates at the October election with the vote in the county, electing, were: *Assembly*, Kinney, 689, having a majority of 52 in the two counties; *sheriff*, Powell, 671; *commissioner*, Streator, 693; *auditor*, Piollet, 717; *coroner*, Frisbie, 753. The contest for sheriff seems to have been everybody's race, more than 30 different persons having received votes for that office; Keeler stood second.

1821-'22—"Snow fell in the beginning of November which continued all through the winter."—*The Settler.*

Monroe's Grand Celebration "July 4, 1822, about 150 persons assembled at the bridge to celebrate the birthday of American Independence. The service of the day was opened by sacred music and an appropriate prayer by Rev. Elisha Cole. An oration was delivered by Dr. Benoni Mandeville, the service then closing by sacred music and prayer, after which the company sat down to an excellent dinner, prepared mostly by each individual and placed in common stock, so that independence and harmony characterized the day. After the cloth was withdrawn 17 toasts were drank, while volleys of musketry were discharged from the troops, commanded by Capt. Frederick Fisher, with cheers of martial music. The day was particularly honored by the attendance of a number of old soldiers of the Revolution, among whom was Noadiah Cranmer, aged 88 years, who formerly resided in New Jersey and was in most of the battles fought in that state during the Revolutionary war. Cheerfulness was fixed on the countenance of the whole assembly, and at 6 in the afternoon each individual returned to his home thankful for the blessings their forefathers had achieved for them."—*The Settler.*

1822—The M. E. church (wooden) at West Burlington erected; yet standing, being the oldest church edifice in the county.

Drought and Deaths—*The Settler*, published at Towanda, under date of August 31, 1822, says: "It has been our unpleasant task to record more deaths within a few months than any other period of time of the same length for years. This is undoubtedly owing to the peculiarity of the season—the extreme drought and heat which have so long prevailed. A parallel to it is not in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant of the county. Week after week has passed away and not a drop of rain has reached us. The earth parched, meadows and pastures dried up, streams and springs, never before known to fail, now dry, cold chilling nights, a continuous gloomy and sultry heat during the day, has been the peculiar character of the whole season. Sickness disorders and deaths have been the consequence. Scarcely a day, and not a week passes without some one within our knowledge, falling sick. In some instances whole families are taken down at once. This may, indeed, be called and will be remembered as a sickly and unprecedented season." December 7th, *The Settler* adds: "The sun and breezes of September and October have visited the month of December and the first day of winter was ushered in with a warm and heavy rain. Dec. 3, a light fall of snow, the first, and barely sufficient to hide the face of the earth. These are strange events, a summer with but little rain, 40 days without a cloud in the horizon, an autumn with but few cold and frosty nights and winter begun with a temper of air that would not be remarkable in September."

"***The Bradford Debating Society*** will meet at the school house in this village on Monday next at 6 o'clock p. m. The following subject is to be discussed: '*Had the Holy Alliance a right to detain Napoleon Bonaparte otherwise than a prisoner of war?*' The gentlemen and ladies of the village are respectfully invited to attend.
Towanda, Nov. 12, 1822. S. St. J. Mix, Secretary."

Candidates and Election, 1822—Following were the Democratic nominations: Congress, Samuel McKean, Burlington, George Kremer and Joseph Wood; state senator, Jonah Brewster; assembly, Dr. Stephen Fowler, Columbia; commissioner, Darius Bullock, Smithfield; auditor, Nathaniel Clapp, Athens. The opposition candidates were: Congress, Wm. Cox Ellis, Henry Welles, Athens, Henry Yarrick and Ethan Baldwin, Towanda; state senator, David Post; assembly, Wm. Myer, Wysox; commissioner, Harry Morgan, Wysox; auditor, Thos. B. Beebe, Smithfield. The vote at the October election follows: *Congress*—McKean, 720; Kremer, 663; Wood, 625; Ellis, 687; Welles,

482; Baldwin, 350; Yarrick, 319. *State Senator*—Brewster, 755; Post, 552. *Assembly*—Myer, 774; Fowler, 621. *Commissioner*—Bullock, 614; Morgan, 522; Beebe, 265. *Auditor*---Clapp, 1094---elected without opposition. Jonah Brewster of Susquehanna county was elected senator from the district consisting of the counties of Bradford, Susquehanna and Tioga. In 1822 Bradford county for the first time comprised a separate Assembly district.

The Bradford County Bible Society was organized Feby. 25, 1823 at a meeting held at the court house in Towanda after an appropriate discourse had been delivered by Rev. Lyman Richardson. The object of the society, as auxiliary to the American Bible Society, was "to operate in the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures in Bradford county and its vicinity." Officers were chosen as follows: Hon. Edward Herrick, president: Hon John McKean, vice president: Eld. Levi Baldwin, secretary; Joseph C. Powell, treasurer; trustees—Chas. Cumstock, Litchfield: Daniel Gardner, Windham; Parley Coburn, Warren; Maj. Geo. Ranney, Pike; Eld. Hezekiah West, Orwell; Wm. Myer, Wysox; Joseph Smith, Ulster; Dr. Ozias Spring, Athens: Eld. Thos. B. Beebe, Smithfield; Samuel Benight, Ridgebery; Wm. Evans, Springfield; Jesse Edsall, Wells; B. G. Avery, Columbia; Capt. Solomon Morse, Troy; Dea. Samuel Rockwell, Canton: Dea. Alpheus Holcomb, Franklin; Joel Calkins, Burlington; John B. Hinman, Monroe; John Laporte, Asylum; Maj. John Taylor, Wyalusing; Hon. Geo. Scott, Towanda; Samuel Gore, Sheshequin. This society was active many years.

1823—March 23rd, a great snow storm.

Regimental Training—"Notice is hereby given that the 15th regiment of the 2nd brigade, 9th division Pennsylvania Militia will meet for regimental training on Monday, May 12, 1823 at the house of Joseph M. Piollet in Wysox township, armed and equipped for military exercise according to law. Hiram Mix, Colonel." The annual or semi-annual turnout and training was a legal requirement and was supposed to keep up military organization and military spirit, useful for state or national defense. It was an inheritance of the organization which came down from the war of the Revolution and the War of 1812 and at these annual musters were often to be seen the regimentals worn by ancestors who had fought in those wars. Originally, in Pennsylvania, all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years were required by law to do military duty and were organized into companies, regiments and brigades. In 1788 Bradford county had four military companies, being Tioga Company, Solomon Bennett, captain;

Sheshequin Company, John Spalding, captain; Wysox Company, Roswell Franklin, captain; Wyalusing Company, Daniel Shaw, captain. These military organizations multiplied as the population of the county increased and were kept up until the beginning of the Civil War.

Patriotic Spirit at Wyalusing—"The 47th anniversary of American Independence was commemorated at the house of John Taylor in Wyalusing in a style peculiarly gratifying and expressive of the high sense in which the Revolutionary achievements are held by the citizens of that place. Capt. John Horton, Jr. was appointed president of the day, Calvin Stone, vice president and Dr. J. Tuxbury marshal. The procession formed at one o'clock p. m., headed by a few expert riflemen and proceeded to a place prepared with seats convenient for the company. The ceremonies of the day were opened by a fervent and solemn address to the throne of Grace by Major Taylor, after which the ode of science was sung, the Declaration of Independence read when Alpheus Ingham pronounced an oration. The audience then retired to an arbor where about 80 gentlemen and ladies partook of an excellent and unadorned dinner prepared by Mr. Taylor in the true style of American simplicity. After the cloth was removed 13 toasts were drunk."—*The Settler.*

Celebration in Windham—"On the morning of July 4, 1823, the inhabitants of Windham and those of adjoining towns, assembled at the house of Henry Russell, Jr. for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of American Independence. Geo. W. Russell was appointed president and Ives Baker vice president of the day. The audience was invited into the hall prepared for the purpose, where after an appropriate address and prayer by Theron Darling, Esq. of Orwell, the Declaration of Independence was read and an oration delivered by Wm. Russell. From the hall the marshal formed a procession and marched with music to a bowery where all sat down to a very elegant dinner prepared by Henry Russell. After the cloth was removed 23 toasts were drunk. At 6 o'clock the party withdrew in harmony, no accident occurred to cloud the united pleasures of the day."—*The Settler.*

Candidates and Election, 1823—The Democrats presented the following ticket: Governor, J. Andrew Shulze; assembly, Lemuel Streator, Orwell; commissioner, Theodore Leonard, Springfield; auditor, Burton Strait, Columbia. The opposition candidates were: Governor, Andrew Gregg; assembly, Wm. Myer, Wysox; commissioner, John Taylor, Wyalusing and Henry Mercur, Towanda. The vote was as follows at the October election: *Governor*—Shulze, 977; Gregg, 804;

Assembly—Streator, 956; Myer, 801; *Commissioner*—Taylor, 580; Leonard, 546; Mercur, 517; *Auditor*—Strait, 1168—no opposition.

1823-'24—A very mild winter with only a few biting cold days.

1824—February, Albany township organized from Asylum.

1824—March 30 and 31, over two feet of snow on the level.

1824—Welsh settlement begun in Pike, the first comers of that nationality being Joseph Jenkins and Edward Jones.

Grandfather's Weather Signs—Not a dainty affair, with silver or satin trimmings, nor yet with the credentials of Uncle Sam attached, but a constant companion, shifting from woods and fields to skies—this, says the Scientific American, was the weather bureau of our grandfathers; and mingled with the signs and omens of old there was just enough of fact that the old-timer sometimes gets the best of it now in foretelling the weather:

Rainbow at night, sailors' delight;
Rainbow in the morning, sailors take warning;
Rainbow at noon, rain very soon.

Just adopt this couplet the next time a rainbow comes your way and see for yourself.

A combination of rain and sunshine was also supposed to bring rain the next day. Another verse, which found favor, was:

Evening red and morning gray
Will set the traveler on his way;
Evening gray and morning red
Will pour down rain upon his head.

This is but an adaptation of the adage that a red sunset is a sign of clear weather. And if the sun goes down in a cloud, rain will surely come the next day. If it clears off in the night, look for rain the next day. If smoke from the chimney settles instead of rises, there is a storm at hand. When sound travels a long distance there is also a storm near. Never expect much storm in the old of the moon. The absence of dew and an usually heavy dew are alike forerunners of rain. Not much frost need be expected in the light of the moon. An owl hooting in the hollow is a sign of a cold storm; on the hill it foretells a thaw.

If the hornets build low the winter will be hard. When leaves fall early the winter will be long. When snow falls on a hard road it will not last long. The last spring snowstorm never comes until after the "sugar snow," which may be recognized by coming in unusually large flakes and only lasting a few minutes.

If the hog's melt is found big at the front the first part of winter

will be the most severe; if the reverse is true, we may look for hard weather in February and March. Bright "northern lights" bring severe cold. If the sun shines on the second day of February so as to permit the woodchuck to see his shadow, it will go back in its hole and remain six weeks. If March comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion; if it comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb. In other words, one extreme at the beginning promises the reverse at the end of the month. Sundogs indicates a bad storm.

Distant sounds heard distinctly forbode no good weather. If the sun "draws up water" it will rain. The pitcher sweating and the teakettle boiling dry also indicates rain. Cobwebs thickly spread upon the grass are an indication of fair weather.

Animal life seems, according to the popular notion, to have peculiar warnings regarding the weather changes. Some of these are explainable by natural causes. It is a fact recognized by all intelligent stockmen that cattle have an intimation of an approaching storm some hours before it is visible to the human eye. There is a certain restlessness which the cowboy has learned to interpret at once. When you see a pig pasturing in a field build for itself a nest you may look for a storm. Chickens take extra pains in oiling their feathers just before a rain. Peafowls send forth their shrill cries as a warning, and when the quail cries "more wet" from the meadow, the farmer works briskly to get his hay under shelter. If the chickweed and scarlet pimpernel expand their tiny petals rain need not be expected for a few hours. Bees work with redoubted energy just before a rain. If the flies are unusually peristent either in the house or around stock there is rain in the air. The cricket sings at the approach of cold weather. Squirrels store a large supply of nuts, and husks of corn are unusually thick, and the buds of deciduous trees have a firmer protecting coat if a severe winter is at hand. If the poplar or quaking asp leaves turn up under side rain will soon follow.

If the fog rises in the morning, it is a sign of rain; if it settles, a clear day may be expected. Watch the smallest cloud you can see. If it increases in size it is going to rain; if it melts away and vanishes completely, fair weather will follow. If the camphor bottle becomes roily it is going to storm. When it clears, settled weather may be expected. This idea has seemingly been utilized in the manufacture of some of our cheap barometers. The main trouble is they seldom foretell the change until about the time it arrives. Last, but not least, rheumatics can always tell it "in their bones" when a storm is approaching, and in this prognostication the octogenarian of today is as firm an adherent as were his forefathers.

Candidates and Election, 1824—Following were the Democratic candidates: Congress, Samuel McKean, Burlington, Geo. Kremer and Espy VanHorn; assembly, Lemuel Streator, Orwell; sheriff, Reuben Wilber, Troy; commissioner, Theodore Leonard, Springfield; coroner, John Fox, Towanda; auditor, Chas. Comstock, Litchfield. The opposition candidates were: Congress, Wm. Cox Ellis; sheriff, Wm. Keeler, Towanda; commissioner, Wm. B. Spalding, Franklin; coroner, Jacob Myer, Wysox. Following was the vote at the October election: *Congress*—McKean, 1208, Kremer, 1533; VanHorn, 912; Ellis, 718; *Assembly*—Streator, 1299-elected without opposition; *Sheriff*—Wilber, 838; Keeler, 817; *Commissioner*—Leonard, 807; Spalding, 670; *Coroner*—Fox, 802; Myer, 482; *Auditor*—Comstock, 968-elected without opposition. At the presidential election of the same year, the Jackson electors received 639 votes, the John Q. Adams electors 31 and the Crawford electors 16.

Post-offices and Inns, 1825—The post-offices that had been established were Wyalusing, Athens, Wysox, Sheshequin, Towanda, Troy, Sylvania, Springfield, East Smithfield, Canton, Granville Center (North Branch), Monroeton, Albany, Ulster, Litchfield, Orwell, Windham and Wells (French's Mills). Those licensed to keep inns or hotels in the county, 1825 were Abner C. Rockwell, Warren Brown, Jonathan Lawrence, Rowland Wilcox, Frederick Fisher, Sheffield Wilcox, Jr., John F. Satterlee, James Long, Horatio Ladd, John Taylor, Humphrey Brown, Wm. Means, Jr., Wm. W. Rice, John Watkins, Ebenezer Shaw, Warren Jenkins, James Calkins, Daniel Miller, Wm. Snyder, Darius Bullock, Wm. Myer, Joseph Armstrong, Russell Fowler, Daniel Bartlett, Jesse Woodruff, Hosea Hill, Vine Baldwin and Isaac N. Pomeroy—28.

Candidates and Election, 1825—Following was the Democratic ticket: State senator, John Ryan, Jr., Tioga county; assembly, Lemuel Streator, Orwell; commissioner, Gould Seymour, Pike; auditor, Asa Pratt, Canton. The opposition candidates were: State senator, Horace Williston, Athens; assembly, Joseph C. Powell, Towanda; auditor, Sidney S. Bailey, Ulster. The vote at the October election follows: *State Senator*—Ryan, 736; Williston, 953; *Assembly*—Streator, 1034; Powell, 662; *Commissioner*—Seymour, 1473—elected without opposition; *Auditor*—Pratt, 950; Bailey, 544. While Williston had a majority of 217 in the county it was overcome by Ryan's majority in Tioga county, electing the latter by a narrow margin.

The First Steamboat Up the Susquehanna.—"The steamboat *Codorus* arrived at Towanda on Monday, May 8, 1826, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon. As she appeared round the bend in the river, below the village, she was hailed by the firing of a *feu de joi* and the ringing of bells. The banks of the river were immediately lined with hundreds of citizens that had been previously appraised of her near approach to the place and who flocked in to greet her arrival. On Tuesday Captain Elgar was invited to partake of a public dinner, which was accepted, and a most respectable party sat down to a sumptuous dinner, prepared by Mrs. Spalding, at which Judge Herrick of this county and Judge Franes of Dauphin county presided. On Captain Elgar's introduction to the company at dinner, he was appropriately addressed by Alpheus Ingham, Esq., in behalf of the citizens of Bradford county, in which he complimented Captain Elgar for his enterprise and alluded to the importance of Pennsylvania turning her attention to the improvement of the river. We understand that Captain Elgar intends to continue his expedition up the river to Newtown and Owego. We will take occasion to repeat what has often been published, that much difficulty has been experienced by the captain for the want of wood. The inhabitants along the river should take pains to have dry yellow pine or pitch knots prepared plentifully at convenient places, so as to prevent any delay on that account."—*The Settler*. The *Codorus* was built at York, Pa. She was 60 feet long, 9 feet beam with 10-horse-power engine, carried fifty passengers and expected to make up stream 4 miles an hour; drawing only 8 inches of water. She ran up the West Branch to Williamsport, back to Northumberland thence up to Elmira, back to Tioga Point and then to Binghamton from which she turned back reaching the starting point four months after the trip began. Captain Elgar was disappointed and reported that it was a failure for practical purposes.

Market Prices 1826 as published in *The Settler* at Towanda, May 11:

Wheat, per bushel 80 cents.
Rye, per bushel 62 cents.
Corn, per bushel 72 cents.
Oats per bushel 42 cents.
Butter (fresh), per pound 10 cts,
Butter (salted), per pound 9 cts.
Cheese, per pound 9 cents.
Lard, per pound 9 cents.
Coffee, per pound 17 cents.
Tobacco (best), per pound 18 cts.
Tea (hyson), per pound $1.00.
Tea (hyson skin), per lb., 50 cents.

Molasses, per gallon 40 cents.
Whiskey (rye), per gallon 26 cts.
Whiskey (apple), per gallon 37 cts.

Patriotic Spirit in Warren—The 4th of July, 1826, was observed by a grand celebration in Warren. The orator of the day was Rev. Salmon King who delivered a patriotic discourse. After dinner the following toasts were drank:

1. The 50th year of American Independence: may it ever be remembered by friends and dreaded by tyrants.
2. The memory of Gen. George Washington.
3. The heroes of '76; may their heroic deeds be ever remembered with gratitude and their virtues ever be imitated by Americans.
4. The United States; increasing in number and strength, their arms are already extended to the ocean on the west.
5. Civil liberty; may we have the wisdom to secure it; the strength to defend it and the generosity to share it with others.
6. The President of the United States; may his virtues subdue all his political opponents and turn their animosities into friendship.
7. Agriculture, commerce and manufactures; the great springs of national wealth, the necessaries, the comforts and the luxuries of life.
8. Internal improvements; a grand link in the chain that binds us together, like the arteries and veins; may it extend throughout our whole system, defusing life and health to every part.
9. The militia of the U. S. our only standing army; may they ever stand firm in defense of their country.
10. The American flag; may every nation respect its bearers, its stars enlighten the path of its friends.
11. Greece; may the fame of their ancestors rouse up to emulation—as the hand of oppression has goaded them on to desperation until like a new risen Phoenix, they more than rival their former splendor,
12. South America; may they long be blessed with that freedom they have so arduously struggled to gain.
13. The Daughters of America; while they increase our felicity in prosperity, they smooth the rugged path of life adversity.—*The Settler.*

Political Matters 1826– Lemuel Streator who had been elected representative died during the session of the legislature. To fill the vacancy caused by his death a special election was held Feby. 7, 1826. Dr. Darius Bullock of Smithfield was put forward by the Democrats, his opponent being Thomas Elliott of Towanda. The race proved a very close one, Bullock being defeated by 9 votes. The vote stood: Elliott, 874; Bullock, 865. In 1826 J. Andrew Shulze was renominated by the Democrats for governor. The Federal candidate was John Sergeant. No fight was made against Shulze in Bradford county who at the October election received 1753 votes and Sergeant 15. Samuel McKean, George Kremer and Espy Van Horn were again the Democratic candidates for Congress and elected without opposition. The Democratic county ticket in 1826 comprised the following: Assembly,

Constant Mathewson, Athens; Commissioner, Burton Strait, Columbia; Auditor, John Laporte, Asylum. The opposition ticket was: Assembly, Thomas Elliott, Towanda; Commissioner, Isaac Myer, Towanda; Auditor, Dr. Almerin Herrick, Troy. At the October election the entire Democratic ticket was elected, the vote being: *Congress*—McKean, 1380; Kremer, 1396; VanHorn, 1403. *Assembly*—Mathewson. 1143; Elliott, 1034. *Commissioner*—Strait, 1142; Myer, 1006. *Auditor*—Laporte, 1230; Herrick, 888.

1827—May 14, Stephen Evitts of Pike, killed by Nathaniel Platt, who struck him with a stone at a training in Orwell, causing much excitement in Eastern Bradford. Platt was indicted for murder, tried and acquitted by the jury Sept. 19, 1827.

1827—The autumn was one of the coldest ever remembered, but it was followed by one of the mildest winters (1827-28) that had occurred in 27 years. In January the average temperature was 37 degrees.

Troy Village 1827 consisted of two stores, kept by Orrin P. Ballard and George Kress, two hotels, those of Vine Baldwin and Col. I. N. Pomeroy, the Case grist-mill, Capt. James Hickok's fulling mill, Joseph Wills' saw-mill, Elihu Newberry's blacksmith shop, a tannery, operated by Calvin Dodge and a school house. The residents were Vine Baldwin, Orrin P. Ballard, Churchill Barnes, Mrs. Aaron Case, Adrial Hibbard, Dr. Almerin Herrick, Capt. James Hickok, George Kress, James Lamb, Elihu Newbery, Col. Isaac N. Pomeroy, Reuben Smead, Ansel Williams, Caleb Williams, Warren Williams and Joseph Wills.

Candidates and Election, 1827—The Democratic ticket comprised the following: Assembly, Constant Mathewson, Athens; Sheriff, Benjamin McKean, Columbia; Commissioner, Chauncey Frisbie, Orwell; Auditor, Wm. Russell, Windham; Coroner, John L. Webb, Ridgebery. Opposition candidates: Assembly, George Kinney, Sheshequin; Sheriff, Francis Tyler, Athens; Commissioner, Churchill Barnes, Troy; Auditor, Harry Morgan, Wysox; Coroner, Buckley Tracy, Smithfield. The election showed the following vote: *Assembly*—Mathewson, 1156; Kinney, 1052; *Sheriff*—McKean, 1172; Tyler, 1048; *Commissioner*—Barnes, 1133; Frisbie, 1063; *Auditor*—Morgan, 1072; Russell, 1058. *Coroner*—Webb, 1107; Tracy, 968. This year *The Towanda Republican* appeared as the advocate of National Republicans in opposition to Jeffersonian Democracy, championed by the *Bradford Settler*.

Towanda Borough, the county seat and first borough in the county, was incorporated by Act of the legislature March 5, 1828; population about 225. The first officers were: Burgess, Hiram Mix;

Council, Jared D. Goodenough, Warren Brown, Warren Jenkins, John N. Weston and Stephen Hiatt; High Constable, Wm. Kelly.

Notice to Settlers—"The settlers on the land under the management of the subscriber will take notice, that wheat, rye, oats and flaxseed will be taken in payment for the land at the market price, if delivered this winter at his house in Sheshequin or at his store in Towanda. Those settlers on Mr. Leray's land whose contracts bear date the 1st of May, 1821, will do well to remember that their contracts will be out the 1st of May, 1828, and those who have paid nothing, would also do well to remember that they once had an indulgence that may not be granted again.

Sheshequin, Jany. 3, 1828. Joseph Kingsbury."

Campaign of 1828—The Federal party having gone out of existence the opposition to the Democratic party now formed under the name of National-Republican. The following were the tickets in 1828: *Democratic*—Congress, Philander Stephens, James Ford, Alem Marr; Assembly, John Laporte, Asylum; Commissioner, Hezekiah Dunham, Windham; Auditor, Isaac Cooley, Springfield. *National-Republican*—Congress, Geo. H. Hollenback, John Murray, Chauncey Alford; Assembly, Joseph C. Powell, Towanda; Commissioner, Nathaniel Clapp, Athens; Auditor, Geo. W. Hollenback, Wyalusing. The following was the vote: *Congress*—Stephens, 1424; Ford, 1427; Marr, 1431; Hollenback, 918; Murray, 927; Alford, 925; *Assembly*—Laporte, 1359; Powell, 1044; *Commissioner*—Dunham, 1326; Clapp, 1098; *Auditor*—Cooley, 1444; Hollenback, 952. The vote in the county for President was: Andrew Jackson (D), 1552; John Q. Adams (N. R.) 910. Jackson carried 18 districts and Adams 5, being Sheshequin, Towanda, Ulster, Warren and Wysox.

1829—Tuscarora township organized as Spring Hill from Wyalusing; changed to Tuscarora, February, 1830.

First Temperance Movement—In the early history of the county whisky was regarded as a panacea for all ills. The man who built a distillery was a public benefactor. It furnished a market for the grain and cheapened a necessary article to the consumer. It was considered no offense against good morals to make, sell or use it. Deacons in the church owned distilleries and manufactured whisky. Deacons and elders sold it and ministers and church members drank it, not infrequently to intoxication. Everybody drank whisky—young men and old men, women and maidens. Whisky was the currency of the country, the standard of value. Things were bought to be paid for in whisky. A man agreed to work for so much whisky per day. The

state of things was deplorable. We were fast becoming a nation of drunkards. Good men saw the evil and were trying to find means to avert the danger. Just then the *Washingtonian movement* was inaugurated and swept across the continent, revolutionizing public sentiment and reforming public morals, teaching sobriety and seeking to lead men to abstain from intoxicating drinks. In 1829 there was a general awakening on the subject in Bradford county. Lecturers traversed nearly every locality. Some of the best men gave the movement countenance and support. Temperance societies were organized in Orwell and other towns and did much in promoting reformation.

Parties and Candidates, 1829—In consequence of the anti-Masonic movement which allied itself with the opposition to the Democratic party strength was added to the Democratic ticket in 1829. Following were the nominations: *Democratic*—Governor, George Wolfe; State Senator, Samuel McKean, Burlington; Assembly, John Laporte, Asylum and Curtis Parkhurst of Tioga county; Commissioner, Eliphalet Mason, Monroe; Auditor, John E. Hale, Smithfield. *Anti-Masonic* or opposition—Governor, Joseph Ritner; Assembly, Simon Kinney, Towanda; Commissioner, John Harkness, Jr., Springfield. The vote was as follows: *Governor*—Wolfe, 1219; Ritner, 333; *State Senator* McKean, no opposition in the county and received 2795 votes in Bradford and Tioga; *Assembly*—Laporte and Parkhurst elected, the former receiving 2261 and the latter 1471 votes in the two counties, Kinney's vote in the county being about 500; *Commissioner*—Mason, 1115; Harkness, 409; *Auditor*—Hale elected without opposition.

1829-30—A mild winter until the 23rd of January when the weather became intensely cold.

Population of Bradford county in 1830 was 19,746, a gain of 8,192 in ten years, which was equal to the population in 1812 or the increase for 42 years after the settlement of the county.

Campaign of 1830—In 1829 General McKean had been elected Senator from the district but in December following, he resigned the Senatorship to become Secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor Wolfe. Accordingly a special election was called for Jany. 12, 1830, to fill the vacancy. There were two candidates, Col. James P. Bull, editor of the *Bradford Settler* and ex-Sheriff Reuben Wilber. Both were Democrats and each had about equal strength in the party. The election, however, resulted favorable to Wilber, who had 530 majority in the district. The regular Democratic ticket in 1830 comprised the following: Congress, James Ford, Philander Stephens and Lewis De-

wart; assembly—John Laporte, Asylum and John Beecher, Tioga county; sheriff—Chauncey Frisbie, Orwell; commissioner, John L. Webb, Ridgebery; auditor—Miron Ballard, Columbia; coroner—John VanDyke, Canton. The opposition ticket: Congress—John Burrows and George Walker; assembly, Simon Kinney, Towanda; sheriff—Lockwood Smith, Ulster; commissioner—Samuel Strait, Troy; auditor—Josiah Benham, Pike; coroner—Abiram Pierce, Smithfield. The entire Democratic ticket was elected with the exception of sheriff, the vote for that office being Smith, 1392; Frisbie, 1172. The vote for assembly in the district stood, Laporte, 2652; Beecher, 1988; Kinney, 1471; in the county Laporte received 1512 votes, Kinney 1175 and Beecher 1164. For coroner Vandyke received 1145 and Pierce 848 votes. Webb received 1284 and Ballard 1145 votes, electing as commissioner and auditor respectively.

1830—The *Anti-Masonic Democrat* established at Troy with Thomas E. Paine editor; it was discontinued after two years.

1831—February, Granville township organized from Burlington, Canton, Franklin and Troy.

1831—March 29, Athens borough incorporated by act of the legislature.

1831—December, Rome township (originally Watertown) organized from Orwell, Sheshequin and Wysox.

1831-'32—"A very severe winter; hardest experienced since that of 1779-'80"—Lieut. Samuel Gore, Sheshequin.

Candidates and Election, 1831—Candidates of the Democratic party: Assembly—John Laporte, Asylum and John Beecher, Tioga county; commissioner—Isaac Cooley, Springfield; auditor—Samuel Stevens, Jr., Pike. Opposing candidates: Assembly—Samuel Strait, Jr., Columbia; commissioner, Samuel Bartlett, Sheshequin; auditor, Justus Lewis, Wyalusing. The result was an overwhelming Democratic victory. The vote stood: Laporte, 1209; Beecher, 1710; Strait, 610; Cooley, 1162; Bartlett, 657; Stevens, 1069; Lewis, 664.

1832—June 5, four inches of snow fell all over Eastern Pennsylvania.

1832—Products of Bradford county as given by *Watson's Gazette*: Grain, flour, whisky, fruit, salted provisions live stock and lumber.

Towanda Village, 1832, consisted of 63 dwelling houses (2 of brick and 1 of stone), 7 dry goods stores, 3 grocery and provision stores, 2 hotels, 1 tin shop, 2 cabinet-makers' shops, 1 foundry, 6 blacksmith shops, 4 tailor shops, 2 gunsmith shops, 3 shoemaker shops, two watch repairing shops and 1 hatter's shop; 2 physicians, 3 justices of

the peace and 7 lawyers. The town had neither school house nor church.—Enumeration by Wm. Scott.

Campaign of 1832—Democratic State and county ticket: Governor, George Wolfe; congress, John Laporte, Asylum; assembly, Samuel W. Morris, Tioga county and Eliphalet Mason, Monroe; commissioner, John Elliott, Wyalusing; auditor, Abraham Goodwin, Ulster. Opposition ticket: Governor, Joseph Ritner, anti-masonic; congress, Simon Kinney, Towanda; assembly, Ellis Lewis, independent Democratic, Towanda and Dr. Almerin Herrick, Troy; commissioner, Franklin Blackman, Sheshequin and John Wilson, Monroe; auditor, Wm. Evans, Springfield. When the votes were counted it was found that Kinney had carried the county against Lapofte but was defeated in the district, that Lewis had defeated Mason. The vote stood: *Governor*—Wolfe, 1685; Ritner, 920; *Congress*—Kinney, 1309; Laporte, 1198; *Assembly*—Lewis, 2077; Mason, 1006; Morris, 1000; Herrick, 390; *Commissioner*—Elliott, 1288; Wilson, 936; Blackman, 244; *Auditor*—Goodwin, 1641; Evans, 391. The candidates for the presidency in 1832 were Andrew Jackson, Democrat, and Henry Clay, National Republican. The November election showed the following result in Bradford county: Jackson, 1592 votes, Clay, 1220. The Jackson electoral ticket in the State that year was headed by Gen. Samuel McKean of Burlington and the Clay ticket by Richard Rush. McKean was chosen by a large majority and when the electoral college met he was made its president.

The Meteoric Shower—A grand celestial phenomenon or Meteoric Shower was exhibited in the heavens on the morning of November 13, 1833. This beautiful and wonderful exhibition of "falling stars" or "shooting stars," as sometimes called, was seen and is yet remembered by some of the oldest inhabitants.

Camp Meetings - "A camp meeting for the Burlington circuit of the Methodist Protestant church will be held on the grounds of John Clark, about two miles from Burlington Corners on Sugar Creek, to commence Thursday, August 22, 1833, and continue several days. Every preparation will be made for the comfortable accommodation of our friends. We heartily invite Christians of every name to come and unite with us in this feast of tabernacles, laying aside all party spirit and sectional zeal, and let us try to unfurl the banner of our Redeemer and encourage and invite sinners to enlist in the army that Jesus leads. Anthony McReynolds, superintendent of Burlington circuit." While not the first, the foregoing calls attention to a religious feature that was popular in many parts of the county. These annual festivals, usually largely attended, were kept up until recent years.

Towanda and Asylum Celebrate—On the evening of July 4, 1833, a number of citizens of Towanda and vicinity convened at Daniel Bartlett's hotel to duly celebrate the 57th anniversary of American Independence. Benjamin Spees was chosen president and E. S. Goodrich vice president. Capt. Wm. Patton, Benj. Spees, Henry Mercur, David M. Bull, James T. Hale, Hon. Ellis Lewis, Hiram Rice, Elias W. Hale and Daniel Bartlett each expressed sentiments fitting the occasion. "At Asylum the day was celebrated at the house of F. X. Homet. A procession was formed at 2 o'clock opposite the dwelling and marched to the schoolhouse where the Declaration of Independence was read by Joseph Homet and an oration delivered by Dr. Coe G. Jennings. The company returned in the same order. A dinner was prepared and after removing the cloth 13 toasts were drunk by the company."

Candidates and Election, 1833—The Democrats in convention nominated the following: State Senator, Almon H. Reed, Susquehanna county; assembly, Samuel W. Morris, Tioga county and Lockwood Smith, Ulster; sheriff, John L. Webb, Smithfield; commissioner, Isaac H. Ross, Pike; auditor, Alpheus Holcomb, Franklin; coroner, Elliott Whitney, Wysox. No regular ticket was nominated in opposition. However, Morris Spalding of Towanda was an independent candidate for commissioner and there were several independent candidates for sheriff, the most formidable of whom was Franklin Blackman of Sheshequin. Spalding was elected. The vote was as follows: Reed, 1445 (no opposition); Morris, 1866 (no opposition); Smith, 1885 (no opposition); Webb, 1405; Blackman, 1003; Spalding, 1464; Ross, 889; Holcomb, 1386 (no opposition); Whitney, 1223 (no opposition).

1834—May 14, ten inches of snow fell.

Public School System Established—The public, or free school system, was established by the Act of April 1, 1834, which provided for the election of six school directors in each district, defining their powers and duties and giving them authority to raise money by taxation to meet the necessary expense of such free schools. The act further provided: "The several courts of quarter sessions in this Commonwealth shall, annually, at their first session after the election of school directors within their respective counties, appoint two competent citizens of each school district to be *Inspectors* of the public schools therein established by this act who shall be exempt, during the performance of their said offices, from military duty and from serving in any township or borough office. It shall be the duty of the school inspectors to visit every school in their respective districts, at least once in every three months and as much oftener as they think proper, to enquire into the

moral character, learning and ability of the several teachers employed therein; they shall have power to examine any person wishing to be employed as a teacher, and if found qualified of good moral character, shall give him or her a certificate of that effect, naming therein the branches which he or she is found qualified to teach, which certificate shall be valid for one year from the date thereof and no longer; and no person who shall not have obtained such certificate, shall receive from the county treasurer, or the treasurer of the Commonwealth any compensation for his services." The office of County Superintendent was created in 1854, taking the place of and annulling the office of school inspectors. The first school inspectors of Bradford county, appointed by the Court, Dec. 9, 1834, were as follows:

Albany—Seth Stevens, Dyer Ormsby.
Asylum—Francis Horton, Benjamin Moody.
Athens—John F. Satterlee, Justin Morley.
Athens Boro—Lemuel S. Ellsworth, E. H. Perkins.
Burlington—Mark Preston, Chester Campbell.
Canton—John H. Hazleton, Edwin Manning.
Columbia—Silas E. Shepard, Samuel Bullock.
Franklin—Ira Crofut, Wm. B. Spalding.
Granville—Luman Putnam, Alanson Bailey.
Litchfield—Charles Kinney, Thomas Park.
Monroe—Gordon F. Mason, Curtis Hinman.
Orwell—Robert McKee, Cicero Dimock.
Pike—Elisha DeWolf, Lewis H. Woodruff.
Ridgebery—Lathrop Baldwin, Nehemiah Smith.
Rome—Justus Eastman, David Buffington.
Sheshequin—Joseph Kingsbury, Jabez Fish.
Smithfield—Darius Bullock, David Farnsworth.
Springfield—John Salisbury, William Evans.
Tuscarora—John Ford, Miles Coburn.
Towanda—David F. Barstow, Geo. A. Mix.
Troy—Almerin Herrick, Alvin W. Thomas.
Ulster—Henry Plowman, Warren Brown.
Warren—Algernon S. Coburn, Enoch P. Coburn.
Wells—Nathan Alvord, Jr., Wm. P. Wylie.
Windham—Jeptha Brainard, Edmund Russell.
Wyalusing—Chas. F. Welles, Justus Lewis.
Wysox—Harry Morgan, Peter C. Ward.

1834—Bradford county paid bounties on wild animals killed as follows: Wolves, $350, wild cats, $57.75; foxes, $215.

First Bridge Across the Susquehanna in Bradford county was built at Towanda in 1834-'35. In 1833 the Legislature appropriated $10,000 towards the construction of the bridge, the balance necessary for its completion, being raised by individual subscriptions as stock. Proposals were advertised in December, 1833, and the contract given

to John Bottom, a practical bridge builder, who performed the work in 1834-'35, the structure consisting of three spans. A new appropriation was made by the State and 1837-'38 the original bridge was taken down, the piers raised, the bridge extended on the east side one span and a towing-path added. Bottom & Scott were the contractors. October 24, 1849, the east span of the bridge was burned and immediately rebuilt. Again in 1854, the same span was destroyed by fire. The river having cut around the east end of the bridge, it was again taken down, rebuilt and raised seven feet in 1854-'55, M. C. Mercur and Thomas Elliott being the contractors. In 1914 the wooden structure was taken down and a modern steel bridge erected on the same site by the county at a cost of $74,300 besides concrete work. Toll was taken until Sept. 16, 1879, since which time it has been a free county bridge.

Political Parties and Candidates, 1834—The following were the Democratic nominees: Congress, John Laporte, Asylum; assembly, Lockwood Smith, Ulster, and Samuel W. Morris, Tioga county; commissioner, Elias Rockwell, Canton; auditor, Aaron Chubbuck, Orwell. A Democratic-Whig convention was held and the following opposition candidates chosen: Congress, Horace Williston, Athens; assembly, Reuben Wilber, Troy; commissioner, Jere Adams, Troy; auditor, Joel Cook, Jr., Orwell. The regular Democratic ticket was successful, the vote in the county being: *Congress*—Laporte, 1512; Williston, 1630; *Assembly*—Smith, 1657; Morris, 1449; Wilber, 1411; John Cochran (Tioga county), 1444; *Commissioner*—Rockwell, 1587; Adams, 1523; *Auditor*—Chubbuck, 1639; Cook, 1348. Williston carried the county against Laporte but was defeated in the district. Smith and Morris had a large majority for assembly in the two counties.

The Towanda Bank, the first in the county, was established in 1834-'35. The first officers were Thomas Elliott, president, Wm. B. Storm, cashier with Col. Joseph Kingsbury, Edward Overton, Col. Hiram Mix, H. S. Mercur, L. S. Ellsworth and Harry Morgan active directors. During the first years the bank did a good business, established credit and at one time is said to have been able to command over $700,000. In about 1837 Mr. Elliott resigned and Colonel Kingsbury became president. After a number of changes the stock finally passed into dishonest hands, resulting in a failure in 1843.

1835—May 20-21, snow fell to a depth varying from 15 inches to two feet; apple, peach and plum trees were in blossom.

1835—May, South Creek township organized from Ridgebery and Wells.

1835—December, LeRoy township organized from Canton and Franklin.

The Steamboat Susquehanna which had been building at Owego the past winter to ply between that place and Wilkes-Barre is now completed and on Thursday, May 7, 1835, passed down the river on its first trip. It is apparently, a fine, well made boat and the hasty observation afforded by its short stay at this village (Towanda) did not at all diminish our hope of its success. It is constructed on a plan new to us and seems peculiarly fitted for the navigation of streams filled like the Susquehanna with shoals and rapids. A little time will test its efficiency.—*Northern Banner.* In its issue of July 2, 1835, the *Banner* says: "The steamboat *Susquehanna* touched at this place on her second passage down from Owego to Wilkes-Barre on Thursday last. This is her second trip, and, although somewhat unfortunate in her first, we still have hopes that she will ultimately succeed and establish the practicability of navigating our noble river by steam. We are confident that there is at all times a sufficient quantity of water in the river and that the bed of the channel might be so improved as to render it navigable by steamboats constructed on the plan of the one now floating upon her waters. The *Susquehanna* is a beautiful boat and is said to draw but 16 inches of water."

Land Difficulties in Bradford County spread over a long series of years. For more than a quarter of a century there was a bitter strife between Connecticut and Pennsylvania claimants. Neither the Trenton decree of 1782 nor the Compromise Act of 1799 satisfied all or ended the land troubles. As time went on new phases and conditions presented themselves and it was not until within the memory of our oldest inhabitants that there was a final adjustment. In 1835 the settlers became greatly aroused and held numerous "Land Meetings" in different parts of the county. The object of these meetings and the grievances of the settlers are fully set forth in the proceedings published at the time as the following will show:

"Pursuant to notice, the settlers from various townships in Bradford county met at the house of E. Goodrich in Columbia township on the 26th day of June, 1835, for the purpose of adopting measures for maintaining the legal and equitable rights of the Settlers against the aggressions of a landed nobility.

'Whereupon, John Egbert of Wells township was called to the chair, and Seth Salsbury of Smithfield chosen secretary. The object of the meeting being explained by the chair, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, a few individnals in the large cities in our own country and in Europe have monopolized for very small consideration a great portion of the land in Northern Pennsylvania, contrary to the spirit of our free institutions,

and in direct contravention to the settled policy and practice of our State government and the government of the United States; and whereas, the few individuals professing to own this large tract of land in Northern Pennsylvania, scattered their advertisements throughout almost every section of the United States, especially the New England States, where the tide of emigration some 15, 20 and 30 years ago was strong. These advertisements held forth the most alluring inducements to the industrious poor man to emigrate—hundreds of families did migrate under the delusive expectation of finding a productive soil, generous and confiding acquaintance with the rugged toils of life. The pioneers of Northern Pennsylvania depended generally upon their own industry and economy to subdue their lands, pay the purchase money and provide for the wants of their families. Thus situated they were in the power of the few professing to own the land. Under these circumstances, what has been the course of conduct pursued by our lordly European and American landholders towards the first Settlers of Northern Pennsylvania? Have they carried out the benevolent intentions of the government of Pennsylvania, parting with their lands at small prices, thereby placing it in the power of the industrious settlers to pay for their land and become freeholders instead of tenants at will? Far otherwise, the relentless landholders disregarding the intentions of the legislature, availed themselves of the necessitous condition of the Settlers, they sold them their lands at prices greatly disproportioned to its value; and after 30 years' experience (in many cases) of the most untiring industry and rigid economy, the fact is established beyond contradiction, that it is morally impossible for the people to pay for their lands, thereby placing the Settlers of Northern Pennsylvania in the degrading situation of tenants at will to a landed aristocracy, without the least ray of hope or rational expectation of ever becoming freeholders. Is the principle to be tolerated that a community understanding their rights and knowing their duty, would suffer themselves longer to be made the sport of chance and prey of ambition? The pioneers of Northern Pennsylvania have sustained with that fortitude, which virtue alone inspires, all the privations attendant upon the early settlement, or one of the most wild and rugged tracts of country within the borders of the United States. Longer to submit to the fraudulent speculators, which nominal landholders have carried on towards the citizens of Northern Pennsylvania, would be to deserve the degradations and slavery, which it imposes upon us and our posterity.

"We have from time to time reminded them of the absolute necessity of observing on their part the intentions of the legislature of Pennsylvania, that lands which were purchased of the state put at small prices, in order to enable the settlers to become freeholders, and as a consequence freemen and not slaves, we have reminded them of the necessity of their producing a valid title to the lands which they profess to own. These requisitions have been treated with silent contempt, or responded to in a spirit of high tone aristocracy. With a firm reliance upon that law of justice, which has ever distinguished the people of Pennsylvania, we shall ultimately submit for their decision the eventful contest now going on between the pioneers of Northern Pennsylvania on the one side, and oppressive landed aristocracy on the other side. We have taken our stand, we have crossed the Rubicon—we have arrayed at the bar of public opinion those who have long defrauded and oppressed us, it is not the hallucination of a morbid imagination, it is not a monetary excitement produced by some political renegade which led us on, it is the voice of a great community elicited by evils and by injuries no longer to be endured; its origin is as deep as the foundation of society—to reason and the moral sense of community the appeal is made; therefore,

"Resolved, That until the trustees of the Bingham estate establishes a title by a solemn decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, and make such abatement in the price of the land, as to put it in the power of industrious and prudent men to pay the purchase money, we will not pay another dollar to them or their agents.

John Egbert, Chairman. S. Salsbury, Secretary."

Towanda Academy —"The corner-stone of the Towanda Academy was laid Saturday, August 1, 1835 by Simon Kinney, Esq., the oldest resident of the borough. Prayer was offered by Harry Morgan and a very neat and appropriate address delivered by General Patton. A large procession was formed on the public square and conducted to the site of the building under the direction of Zenas Thomas, where the ceremonies were performed very much to the gratification of all. The building is progressing rapidly under the superintendence of Col. J. P. Bull, J. D. Montanye and Isaac Myer, and judging from present appearances we think it will be an ornament to the borough." —*Northern Banner*. School opened in 1836. Among the notable teachers in this institution were O. H. Platt, later U. S. Senator from Conn., Henry M. Hoyt, Governor of Penna., Prof. F. W. Gunn, Prof. Geo. R. Barker and others who attained eminence in different callings. The Academy became somewhat famous and was continued until the incorporation of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute.

Grand Balls were more in evidence 70 and 80 years ago than in recent years. They were big affairs and generally partook of the military spirit of the times. ***A Grand Military Ball*** by the 2nd Brigade 9th Division, Pennsylvania Militia was held in O. P. Ballard's long assembly room, Troy, September 10, 1835 in celebration of Perry's victory. The invitations read, "After the ceremonies of the day a Military Ball will be held—

Where belles and beaux will all parade
With officers of every grade
To trip the light fantastic toe
For fashion has decreed it so.

Managers: Col. E. Rose, Col. W. E. Barton, Maj. I. C. Bullock, Maj. D. L. Scott, Col. Allen McKean, Col. V. E. Piollet, Maj. James Kimball, Maj. C. S. Spencer and Maj. Jos. Kingsbury, Jr."

Political Entanglements, 1835—The Democratic party of the county divided on the presidential question, one branch being in favor of John McLean for president, the other in favor of Martin VanBuren. Wolfe had been regarded an ideal governor by the Bradford Democrats but was turned down in the State convention of 1835 and Henry A. Muhlenberg nominated to head the ticket. This broadened the breach between the Democratic factions, which with the differences of

opinion on the question of the United States Bank and the anti-Masonic movement, added to the confusion and uncertainty of the contest. Two tickets had been nominated by the Democrats of the county, which resulted in a victory for the more independent element. The vote was as follows: *Governor*—Wolfe (Ind. D.), 1504; Joseph Ritner (Anti-Mason), 1239; Muhlenberg (D.), 406; *Assembly*—Darius Bullock, 2467; Isaac Myer, 2090; David Cash, 949; Samuel W. Morris, 564; *Commissioner*—Harry Morgan, 1710; Andrew Coburn, 1551; *Auditor*—Allen McKean, 1638. Cornwall Brush, 1185.

Winter of 1835-'36 remarkable for a great fall of snow and intense cold weather. January 8, 9 and 10 snow fell without cessation and was followed by a heavy wind, which in many places, piled the snow in drifts from 15 to 20 feet deep. Again on the 24th and 25th of January snow fell to the depth of more than a foot, making with the previous fall a covering of about four feet on the level. The weather continued extremely cold five weeks and many cattle and other animals perished. There was still good sleighing on the 23rd of March. Teams crossed the river at Towanda on the ice the 28th, then there was a sudden change and the ice went out March 30, doing little damage.

Governor Visits County—At a meeting of citizens held at the court house in Towanda, August 23, 1836, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, It is understood that his excellency, Joseph Ritner, in company with the Canal Commissioners is about to visit this place for the purpose of making himself personally acquainted with the improvements now in progress and the extent of the resources and advantages of the county through which they are to pass; therefore

"Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the era that is opening upon the northern section of our state and in particular upon the county of Bradford, and that we feel a consciousness that we at length have a governor who is disposed to visit our county, an occurrence highly gratifying to our citizens inasmuch as no governor of this Commonwealth has ever yet seen Bradford county.

"Resolved, That this meeting bid him a hearty welcome to this borough and that we highly approve of the purpose of the present chief magistrate of the Commonwealth to see in person how far each work under improvement is entitled to the attention and deserving of the energies of the state.

"Resolved, That a committtee of 30 be appointed to wait upon his excellency upon his arrival, to give him a welcome reception and to see that he has such accommodations as may render his visit pleasant and agreeable. The following were appointed: Isaac Myer, J. C. Powell, E. R. Utter, B. Kingsbury, Thomas Elliott, J. D. Montanye, Samuel Strait, Jr., F. Blackman, Harry Morgan, S. T. Barstow, Geo. Tracy, Francis Tyler, Chas. F. Welles, John N. Weston, John F. Satterlee, Chauncey Grant, Nathaniel Clapp, Edward Overton, E. S. Goodrich, Wm. Elwell, O. P. Ballard, Geo. Kinney, Wm. Myer, Eli Baird, Enos Tompkins, Robt. Spalding, Hiram Mix and Jos. Kingsbury."

"Governor Ritner and Thos. H. Burrows, secretary of Commonwealth, arrived in Towanda on the afternoon of September 2, 1836. They were escorted into town by a large number of citizens who went out to meet them. Their arrival was greeted by the discharge of cannon and on being welcomed to our town Governor Ritner made appropriate remarks. On the following day they left to visit Athens, Owego and Elmira."—*Northern Banner.*

North Branch Canal—The first great public improvement in Bradford county was the North Branch Canal. Its accomplishment was a persistent struggle for more than a quarter of a century (1827-54). In 1836 the canal had been completed only to the Wyoming valley. Then came Bradford's turn: "***Canal Letting***—Sealed proposals will be received at the engineer's office in Towanda until Tuesday, October 25, 1836 for the construction of 35 miles of the North Branch Division Pennsylvania Canal, commencing at the village of Athens near the New York state line and terminating at Wyalusing creek, embracing a number of heavy rock sections, a dam across the Chemung river at Athens and a dam across the Susquehanna river at Towanda, two guard locks, about ten lift locks, including two large river locks, three aqueducts and several large culverts. Plans and specifications will be exhibited at said office for five days previous to closing of the letting. Wm. Keeler, Supt. of North Branch Extension Pa. Canal." "The letting of contracts of the North Branch Extension Pa. Canal took place on October 25th. For many days previous our borough was thronged with visitors, the principal part of whom were applicants for contracts. The allotments were announced on Friday evening. We understand the contractors are required to commence operations on their respective sections within 30 days."—*Northern Banner.*

Interest in Railroads—The history of railroads in Bradford county commences in 1835 when meetings were called by her citizens to take steps in promoting the building of the Williamsport & Elmira railroad. Among the arguments advanced and objects to be attained were:

"That the western part of Bradford county is rapidly increasing in population and has no outlet to market for its productions except by the ordinary roads of the county and these products are increasing with the increase of population and wealth;

"That this route is the only natural opportunity to affect a communication from the West Branch to the improvements of the state of New York;

"That the inexhaustible beds of coal and iron on the route and in the immediate vicinity of this road, the products of which are indispensible to the state of New York, render this road highly necessary and offer a sure prospect of an ample return to the stockholders of the company for their outlays:

"That it is of great importance in a national point of view as forming an important link in a direct railway and canal communication through the interior from the seat of general government to the lakes, thereby increasing the facility for transporting the mail, and in case of war indispensible;

"That we do not consider the canal question to be one at all interfering with the railroad. They are distinct objects for distinct purposes, each having strong and equal, but different claims upon the government."

Despite the interest and zeal of her citizens it was nearly twenty years before the Williamsport & Elmira railroad was built through Bradford county. By 1832 the road had been built as far as Ralston, having wooden rails with a strip of iron on top. In 1853-'54 the road was completed and opened between Williamsport and Elmira. Subsequently the roads passed into the hands of the management of the Northern Central railroad, the entire system now from Baltimore to Canandaigua, being known as the "Pennsylvania."

The second attempt in railroad construction was by the ***Towanda & Franklin Railroad Company.*** On the 22nd of April, 1836 an Act was passed by the Legislature, chartering the Towanda & Franklin Railroad company. The Act provided: "The president, managers and company of said railroad company shall have power to survey, lay down, ascertain, make and fix such route as they shall deem expedient for a double or single railroad, beginning at the borough of Towanda in Bradford county and to extend to the coal mines in Franklin township in said county, and with the right to extend said road, or to construct lateral railroads therefrom to such coal mines in said township." Nothing was done under this charter and the coal mines were not reached by rail until after the formation of the Barclay Railroad & Coal company. The Barclay railroad, from the canal at Towanda to the coal region was surveyed in the summer of 1854, put under contract and the work commenced in the spring of 1855 and the road completed in the fall of 1856.

Notable October Snow Storm, 1836—The people of Bradford county, back on the hills, were not a little surprised upon arising on the 5th of October to find the ground covered with a great body of snow which had fallen to the depth of nearly two feet during the night. Fruit had not been gathered and buckwheat was still in the field, some not yet cut. Fruit trees were broken down and the roads through the forests blockaded with fallen limbs. On the 6th the sun shone brightly and the snow soon disappeared. Of the storm the *Northern Banner* says: "This was one of the most unusual storms we have ever witnessed, and being accompanied by the keen, cutting blasts from the north, it had every appearance of real winter. The jingling of sleigh bells was heard through our streets (Towanda) on the 5th of October as merrily

as in the middle of winter, and overcoats, cloaks and good fires were as indispensable as in January. * * * Palmer Thompson of Smithfield township perished in the snow storm on the night of October 5th. He had been a few miles from home to a raising. Returning home through the woods, night coming on and it being very dark, he lost his way and lay in the woods all night where he was found dead the next morning."

Campaign of 1836—By 1836 the Whigs of the county had put up a strong organization and formed a coalition with the dissatisfied and anti-Masonic Democrats. The result was the nomination of the following ticket: Congress, Wm. Jessup, Susquehanna county; assembly, Dr. Darius Bullock, Smithfield; Sheriff, Francis Tyler, Athens; commissioner, Burton Strait, Columbia; auditor, Joseph Gamble, Asylum; coroner, Isaac Miller, Burlington. The Democrats nominated the following: Congress, Samuel W. Morris, Tioga county; assembly, Isaac Cooley, Springfield; sheriff, Guy Tozer, Athens; commissioner, Daniel Park, Litchfield; auditor, Dr. Geo. F. Horton, Asylum; coroner, Aaron Knapp, LeRoy. There were two independent candidates for sheriff—John Wilson of Monroe and Franklin Blackman of Sheshequin. The following was the vote: *Congress*—Jessup, 1494; Morris, 1385; *Assembly*—Cooley, 1516; Bullock, 1509; *Sheriff*—Tozer, 1420; Tyler, 982; Wilson, 933; Blackman, 385; *Commissioner*—Park, 1433; Strait, 1378; *Auditor*—Horton, 1596; Gamble, 961; *Coroner*—Knapp, 1478; Miller, 1013. The concluding part of the campaign was most exciting, the Whigs making a determined effort to carry the county for Harrison and to defeat John L. Webb, who had been nominated by the Democrats as county delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Isaac Myer had been nominated as the candidate to oppose Mr. Webb but was subsequently withdrawn and Nathaniel Clapp of Athens substituted. There being an element in the party jealous and hostile to Mr. Webb at the November election he was defeated, the vote standing: Clapp, 1640; Webb, 1503. The Whigs in their canvass presented Harrison more as a Democrat than a Whig candidate. The scheme worked, which with General Harrison's brilliant military record, had the effect of drawing many Democratic votes to "The Hero of Tippecanoe." When the votes were counted in November it was found that Harrison had a majority over VanBuren in the county of 24. The vote stood: Harrison, 1583; VanBuren, 1559.

Old Fast Lines—"Look here! If you want to go South take the Berwick Fast Line, which takes you to Philadelphia in $2\frac{1}{2}$ days—no failure nor suspension, only to eat, drink and sleep. Leave Towanda

every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. Fare to Berwick $3.50. If East or North, take the Montrose stage which carries you through in a day, and next morning to Binghamton, or by the Jersey City Line in two days to New York. Leave Towanda every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. Fare to Montrose $2. If you desire to see the far West take the Elmira Line, which leaves here in the afternoon and after the arrival of the Montrose and Berwick stages, and arrives at Elmira next morning for breakfast, thence in the Bath or Geneva stages same day. Leave Towanda every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 o'clock p. m. Fare to Elmira $2. For seats in the above line apply at the Eagle House or to D. M. Bull, proprietor, Towanda, June, 1837."

Bradford County Anti-Slavery Society was organized in 1837 with Deacon Giles N. DeWolf as president and Deacon Charles Stevens secretary. However, agitation of this subject had been going on six years. J. Washington Ingham, an authority, says: "In 1831 some Anti-Slavery meetings were held in Terrytown, which were addressed by Dr. Geo. F. Horton and Eben Terry, both speakers holding that slavery was wrong and ought to be immediately abolished. Five years later the subject was warmly discussed in public meetings throughout the county, particularly in the townships of Pike, Wyalusing and Asylum. Meetings were frequently held and generally well attended in the church at Merryall and in the school houses in the afore mentioned townships. Among the earlier and most active abolitionists, when the name 'abolitionist' was a term of reproach, were the following: Dr. Geo. F. Horton, Geo. Gamble, Thomas Ingham, Francis Viall, J. R. Emery, Jeremiah Kilmer, James Gamble, Nathaniel N. Gamble, John K. Gamble and J. W. Ingham of Asylum, Justus Lewis, Capt. John Keeler, Milton Lewis, Isaac G. Palmer, John McKinney, Joseph Ingham and Nelson Atwood of Wyalusing, Isaac Camp, Clark Camp, Charles Overpeck, Abel Bolles and Wm. Gamble of Herrick, Deacon Giles N. DeWolf, Capt. Isaac Nichols and James DeWolf of Pike, Abner Hinman and Daniel Coolbaugh of Wysox, Wm. Watkins, Henry Booth and John Geiger of Towanda, Benjamin Stevens and Zephaniah Lane of Burlington."

Activity in Temperance—In 1837 there was renewed activity in Temperance work. The Bradford County Temperance Society was reorganized and a new constitution adopted at a meeting held in Towanda, January 11th and the following officers elected: President, John McKean; vice president, Eli Beard; secretary, J. C. Adams; treasurer, J. D. Goodenough; directors, Dr. Geo. F. Horton, Wm. B. Storm, Silas Noble and Parley Coburn. Many addresses were made throughout

the county with telling effect. Isaac Smith of Columbia and John Watkins of Ulster quit the distilling business "for the good of humanity."

A Whig Victory—In 1837 the Whigs gained their first substantial victory in the county. Their ticket that year was: State senator, Elihu Case, Troy; assembly, George Kinney, Sheshequin; commissioner, Irad Stevens Pike; auditor, Henry W. Tracy, Wysox. The following was the Democratic ticket: State senator, Aaron Chubbuck, Orwell; assembly, Isaac Cooley, Springfield; commissioner, Wm. S. Ingals, Wells; auditor, Harry Ackley, Tuscarora. Following was the vote: *State Senator*—Case, 1922; Chubbuck, 1641; *Assembly*—Kinney, 1925; Cooley, 1647; *Commissioner*—Stevens, 1853; Ingals, 1690; *Auditor*—Tracy, 1730; Ackley, 1729; Tracy being elected by one vote.

County's Merchants, 1837—The following were the retailers of merchandise in Bradford county, 1837: *Athens*—G. A. & E. H. Perkins, C. Paine, N. Clapp, Morley & Kingsbery, C. N. Shipman; *Asylum*—G. & J. F. Chamberlain, Rufus Smith, John Horton, Jr.; *Burlington*—Addison McKean, H. H. Compton & Co.; *Canton*—Manning & Rose, Bernard Wood, John Cummings; *Columbia*—Jared Smith, R. & S. Keyes, D. Dewy, Shepard & Roe; *Franklin*—Stephen Myer; *LeRoy*—Samuel Bailey; *Monroe*—Geo. Tracy, S. L. & R. Fowler, Hanson & Hinman, S. S. Bradley; *Orwell*—Henry Gibbs; *Pike*—James Hodge, Irad Stevens, Harlow Woodruff; *Ridgebery*—Beckworth & Satterly; *Rome*—Cornelius Judson, W. E. Maynard; *Smithfield*—L. Durfey, B. Hale, Jr., E. S. Tracy; *Springfield*—S. P. Mattocks, H. Spalding, P. Norman; *Sheshequin*—Snyder & Moody; *South Creek*—A. D. Hinkley & Co.; *Towanda*—Elijah Montanye, Eli Baird, H. S. & J. W. Mercur, M. C. Mercur, E. L. Paine, Joseph Kingsbury, Jr., Betts & Montanye, Burton Kingsbury, O. D. Bartlett, S. S. Bailey, A. Goodwin, R. B. Stewart, D. L. Scott & Co., C. Wilcox, N. Shoemaker, Edward White & Son; *Troy*—O. P. Ballard, Gilbert & Cone, V. M. Long, J. Reynolds; *Ulster*—S. S. & M. Bailey, Wilson & Salmon, Luther Goddard, Guy Tracy, D. Sponeberger & Co., Josiah Marshall; *Wyalusing*—J. McKinney, Jacob Koons, Ralph Martin, Newell Rockwell, A. C. & M. Lanning; *Wysox*—Wm. Myer & Co., Hollenback & Gordon, Julius R. Barstow, V. E. Piollet, H. W. Tracy, P. C. Ward; *Warren*—Alexander Dewing; *Wells*—Wm. Osgood.

1837-'38—"A remarkably mild winter until the last of January when winter commenced in good earnest and the weather continued intensely cold, the greater part of the time, until the 5th of March. April following was very cold."

1838—February, Herrick township organized from Orwell, Pike, Wyalusing and Wysox.

Campaign of 1838 – The Whigs were unable to maintain their advantage and in 1838 lost everything. The Democrats placed the following ticket in nomination: Governor, David R. Porter; congress, Samuel W. Morris; assembly, David F. Barstow, Towanda; commissioner, Myron Ballard, Columbia; auditor, Luman Putnam, Granville. The Whig and Anti-Masonic ticket comprised the following: Governor, Joseph Ritner; congress, Wm. Willard; assembly, Nathaniel Clapp, Athens; commissioner, Allen McKean, Burlington; auditor, Levi Taylor, Granville Following was the vote: *Governor*—Porter, 2420; Ritner, 2219; *Congress*—Morris, 2110; Willard, 2113; *Assembly*—Barstow, 2380, Clapp, 2173; *Commissioner*—Ballard, 2368; McKean, 2,-159; *Auditor*—Putnam, 2385; Taylor, 2103. The new constitution, for adoption or rejection, was submitted at this election. In the county, the vote for the constitution was 4116; against, 188.

Bradford County Mutual Insurance Company was organized in 1839 with the following officers: President, Wm. B. Storm; secretary, O. D. Bartlett; directors, N. N. Betts, J. D. Montanye, D. Cash, A. Goodwin, O. P. Ballard, Reuben Wilber, O. D. Bartlett, Jere Adams, H. S. Mercur, Wm. B. Storm, E. S. Goodrich, Enos Tompkins and J. F. Means; the company began writing policies in March.

1839—On the 25th of May snow began falling, continuing during the night until it was over a foot deep. The spring had been early and much farming done. Corn was up. The snow soon melted and passed away.

Candidates and Election, 1839 This year the Democrats held their advantage and increased their majorities. Their ticket was: Representative, David F. Barstow, Towanda; sheriff, Ira H. Stephens, Rome; prothonotary, David Cash, Towanda; register & recorder, Ephraim W. Baird, Towanda; commissioner, Irad Wilson, Canton; auditor, James M. Edsall, Wells, coroner, Henry S. Salisbury, Monroe. The Whigs had nominated the following: Representative, Henry S. Mercur, Towanda; sheriff, Allen McKean, Burlington; prothonotary, Alvin T. Myer, Wysox; register & recorder, Henry Gaylord, Wyalusing; commissioner, Franklin Blackman, Sheshequin; auditor, Andrew Dewing, Warren; coroner, Dan A. Gillett, Ridgebery. The vote follows: *Representative*—Barstow, 2227; Mercur, 2045; *Sheriff*—Stephens, 2187; McKean, 2083; *Prothonotary*—Cash, 2203; Myer, 2003; *Register & Recorder*—Baird, 2237; Gaylord, 1963; *Commissioner*—Wilson, 2266; Blackman, 1944; *Auditor* Edsall, 2238; Dewing, 1920; *Coroner*—Salisbury, 2232; Gillett, 1907. The offices of prothonotary

and register & recorder, heretofore appointive, were made elective by the constitution of 1838.

Zero Blast and Early Spring, 1840—"Monday and Tuesday morning, January 4 and 5, 1840, were said to have been the coldest that have been known in Pennsylvania for many years. In Williamsport thermometers stood at 26 degrees below zero and in Towanda from 15 to 20 below. The change in the weather between Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning was quite as remarkable, moderating some 50 degrees in less than twenty hours."—*Banner & Democrat.* February was warm as was March when ploughing commenced the first of the month. Seeding and planting were early and corn was in tassel by the 4th of July.

Population of Bradford county in 1840 was 32,769, being by districts as follows:

Athens township	1532	Warren township	1308
Burlington township	1118	Wells township	873
Canton township	1254	Windham township	879
Orwell township	1037	Albany township	803
Smithfield township	1427	Litchfield township	817
Towanda township	1002	Monroe township	1153
Ulster township	1053	Sheshequin township	1010
Wyalusing township	1400	Tuscarora township	1020
Wysox township	1871	Granville township	651
Asylum township	947	Herrick township	632
Columbia township	1421	LeRoy township	679
Franklin township	351	Rome township	817
Pike township	1518	South Creek township	484
Ridgebery township	1214	Athens borough	435
Springfield township	1487	Towanda borough	912
Troy township	1664		

Memorable Campaign, 1840—The campaign of 1840 was most exciting and a memorable one. Campaign songs, expressing party sentiment, were sung at the different political gatherings. Great meetings were held in Towanda and other towns in the county. The fife and drum, bands of music, log cabins, live coons, boats on their way up salt river, banners and transparencies were features in the parades. Hickory poles were in evidence everywhere in the county. The opponents of General Harrison, the Whig candidate for the presidency, told stories of his having lived in a log cabin with nothing but hard cider to drink. His friends claimed that this was rather to his credit and log cabins were used in the parades of his adherents. "Hard cider," as well as "log cabin," became party cries. In fact the whole campaign was based on Harrison's sturdy qualities and his military reputation.

One of his best known victories was at Tippecanoe over the Shawnee Indians in 1811. This, too, was turned to account and the cry of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too," figured prominently in the campaign. The Democrats had re-nominated Martin VanBuren and Richard M. Johnson for the presidency and vice presidency in opposition to Harrison and Tyler. A new factor in politics introduced itself in this campaign. The Abolition party had formed and nominated James G. Birney for the presidency. The movement was taken up in Bradford county and at a convention held by the Abolitionists or "freemen" in Towanda, September 12, the following ticket was named: Representative, Geo. F. Horton, Asylum; commissioner, Giles N. DeWolf, Pike; auditor, Clark Camp, Herrick. These resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the indispensable duty of every man who wishes to preserve the blessings of an honest, representative government; the rights of property; the faith of contracts, the honor of his country and the freedom of man, to oppose by all honorable means, the system of slavery now tolerated in this republic.

"Resolved, That we will vote for those persons only who will go for the greatest measure of human liberty and employ constitutional and reasonable means for the extinction of slavery in the United States.

"Resolved, That the creation of monopolies or conferring exclusive privileges by law is at war with every principle of genuine democracy.

"Resolved, That we can not conscientiously confer power by our votes on anyone who is not friendly to the extension of the election franchise.

"Resolved, That we go for a reduction in the salaries of many of the officers of our state and national governments, being fully convinced that the public good and the best interests of our free institutions imperilously demand it.

"Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the organization of the Freeman's party, based upon the great principle that all men are equal and that we cheerfully enroll ourselves under its broad banner, and hereby pledge to each other and to the world our sacred honor never to disband until liberty shall be proclaimed throughout all the land to all the inhabitants thereof.

"Resolved, That we highly approve of the nomination of James G. Birney for president and Thomas Earle for vice president of the United States, and that we will use all honorable means to promote their election.

"Resolved, That we go for virtue, liberty and independence and for temperance in all things; and, therefore, we can not support for office any one who habitually uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or trafficks in them for the sake of making money."

The Democratic county ticket in 1840 was: Congress, Davis Dimock, Jr., Susquehanna county; representative, Stephen Pierce, Troy; commissioner, Benjamin Buffington, Warren; auditor, Arunah Wattles, Rome. The Whig nominees were: Congress, George Kress; representative, Allen McKean, Burlington; commissioner, Johnson Cowles, Orwell; auditor, Robert Spalding, Wysox. Following was the result of the election: *President*—VanBuren & Johnson, 2844; Harrison & Tyler, 2631; Birney & Earle, 26; *Congress*—Dimock, 2743; Kress, 2,411; *Representative*—Pierce, 2594; McKean, 2513; *Commissioner*—Buffington, 2756; Cowles, 2400; *Auditor*—Wattles, 2739; Spalding, 2423.

Local Names, Origin and History.

The Townships.

ALBANY derives its name from the old Connecticut town of that name, which included in its limits, the present township. The old town was named by a party of gentlemen, formerly residents of the city of Albany, N. Y., who had purchased a large tract of land in southern Bradford. Albany is derived from the Celtic and means a country of heights. In 1664 the English applied this name to the present capital of New York, in honor of the Duke of Albany, who received this title from the Scottish Council in 1398.

Armenia signifying "heavenly mountain"; the mountain from which the township derives its name was first so called by Norah Wilson who settled in what is now Alba borough in 1803.

Asylum is a Latin word meaning a sanctuary, or place of refuge. During the French Revolution among those who fled to other lands for safety and protection were a number of Frenchmen who in 1793 founded a settlement in Bradford county to which they gave the name "Azilum." When the township was formed it was named Asylum in memory of those French refugees and their settlement.

Athens so called because of its (the town and original village) similar location to that of ancient Athens, on a peninsula partly encircled by hills. This was long a part of the Indian's territory of Tioga (*Teaoga*, or *Diahoga*), a name that was retained in the original township. In 1797 Tioga township was divided, the north township receiving the name of Athens and the south, Ulster, thus the name Tioga, which for centuries had been given to the confluence of the two rivers, was lost to our county.

Barclay so named in honor of Robert Barclay of London, England, who purchased in 1794, 21,000 acres of land lying on what is known as Barclay Mountains.

Burlington so named in memory of the early home of a number of the pioneers who came from Burlington, Vermont. Originally the

Susquehanna company's township of Juddsburg by which name the whole Sugar Creek valley was frequently called by the first settlers.

Canton derives its name from a Connecticut township of that name, which included a part of what is now called Canton.

Columbia takes its name from the Susquehanna company's town of Columbia, a portion of which is included in the present township.

Franklin so named in honor of Col. John Franklin, a distinguished patriot of the Revolution and champion of Connecticut title, who is buried at Athens.

Granville so named in memory of the former home in Massachusetts of some of her first settlers.

Herrick so named in honor of Edward Herrick, who was president judge of Bradford county, when the township was formed.

LeRoy is a French name, meaning "the king." This name for the new township was suggested by Ira Crofut and was adopted by a vote of the citizens when the township was formed.

Litchfield derives its name from the old Connecticut township of Litchfield, which included in its limits the present township, also in remembrance of the former home of some of the pioneers, being from Litchfield, Conn.

Monroe so named in honor of President James Monroe, during whose administration the township was organized.

North Towanda, the name follows naturally in the division of Towanda township, the new township being the northern section.

Orwell named in memory of Orwell, Vermont, the town from which many of the first settlers came. It was originally called Mt. Zion because of its elevation.

Overton so named in honor of Edward Overton, Sr., of Towanda, a prominent member of the Bradford county Bar, who gave valuable assistance to the people in their effort to secure the erection of a new township, and held large tracts of land within its bounds. For fifty years this section was known as the Heverly Settlement.

Pike so named in memory of Gen. Zebulon M. Pike, a noted explorer who was killed by the explosion of a magazine in the War of 1812.

Ridgebery was so named by Samuel Bennett who settled on the hill which still bears his name. His farm was covered with berry bushes and he gave his place the name of Ridge-berry. He was one of the most active promoters in forming the new township and was

given the privilege of furnishing a name, which was that of his farm, *Ridge-berry*, and it was adopted.

Rome so called and the name adopted by her citizens, from the fact that the township is in the same latitude as Rome, Italy; supplanting the old name "Watertown," the township, as laid out by the Susquehanna Company.

Sheshequin is an Indian term and is believed to be derived from *Tschetschequannink*, signifying "the place of a rattle." The *Tschetschequannink* of the Indian embraced the plains and Indian towns along the river in both of what is now Sheshequin and Ulster.

Smithfield so named for David Smith who claimed the township under Connecticut title, but never lived in the town.

South Creek derives its name from the principal stream flowing through the township, being a south branch of the Chemung river.

Springfield so named in remembrance of Springfield, Massachusetts, the former home of a large number of her pioneers. Originally called Murraysville in honor of Rev. Noah Murray, the pioneer Universalist preacher.

Standing Stone so called from the standing stone, a name first given to the locality by the Indians, on account of a very remarkable stone which stands in the river near the right bank.

Terry so named in memory of Jonathan Terry, the first permanent settler in 1787.

Towanda, both township and creek, is of Indian origin, either from the Nanticoke word *Awandæ*, signifying "a burial place, or *Towandæmunk* in the Delaware tongue, meaning "where there is a burying," or "where we bury the dead." The most important Indian burying ground in the county, covering several acres, was along the right bank of the Susquehanna river, extending nearly to Towanda creek. The locality was called *Towandæmunk*, corrupted into Towanda.

Troy derives its name from the ancient city of Troy in Asia Minor.

Tuscarora, both township and creek, so called for the Tuscarora Indians, a tribe once inhabiting that locality.

Ulster derives its name from the Susquehanna Company's township of Ulster, being a part of the original township.

Warren named in memory of Gen. Joseph Warren, who was slain at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Wells named in honor of Gen. Henry Welles, a resident of Athens at the time of the formation of the township.

West Burlington, the new township being the western section of Burlington divided, hence the name.

Wilmot so named in honor of David Wilmot, then in the height of his fame as congressman.

Windham so called from Windham county, Connecticut, the former home of a number of the early settlers.

Wyalusing, both township and creek, is of Indian origin corrupted from *M'chwihilusing*, "the place of the hoary veteran," another version is from *Wigalusui*, "the good hunting ground." Wyalusing was "Springfield" of the Susquehanna company's towns.

Wysox, both township and creek, is derived from the Indian word *Wisachgimi*, signifying "the place of grapes." Zeisberger spells the word *Wisachk; Sauk*, or *Saucon*, "a canoe harbor" — *Wysauk*, "where there is a canoe harbor."

Towns and Localities.

Alba signifying *white*, an emblem of purity, so named by Noah Wilson, the first settler there, because of the pure clear stream of water flowing through the locality. Incorporated as a borough, February 4, 1864; population 150 in 1910.

Athens, origin same as township; occupies the site of the Indian town *Diahoga* where important Treaties and Councils were held with the Indians; the southern gateway of the Six Nations; the armies of Sullivan and Clinton met and Fort Sullivan built here, 1779; incorporated March 25, 1831; population 3796 in 1910.

Austinville so named in honor of the late A. B. Austin of Elmira who located here about 1857, building up an extensive business and doing much for the place. The locality was originally known as "Cabot Hollow" and later as "Morgan Hollow."

Ballibay, a name given to the southwest section of Herrick in remembrance of the former home of the first settlers there, who were from Ballibay, Ireland.

Bentley Creek, both village and creek, derive their name from the fact that Green Bentley was the first settler along this stream in Ridgebery.

Bumpville, a section of North Rome, so called in memory of Reuben Bumpus, a noted hunter and Revolutionary soldier, who settled there in 1806.

Burlington, origin same as township; incorporated February 14, 1854; population 142 in 1910. Long known as "Burlington Corners."

Camptown so called in remembrance of Job Camp, the first settler, who located at that place in 1792.

Canton, origin same as township; incorporated May 10, 1864; population 1637 in 1910. For many years was known as "Canton Corners;" Jonathan Prosser, the first settler in 1795.

Durell, originally the township of Durell (1842-'58, now Asylum), so named in remembrance of Stephen Durell, an early settler. The name is now restricted to the hamlet of Durell.

Franklindale from Franklin, the name of the township and *dale*, a vale or valley, its position on Towanda creek. Name first used upon the establishment of a post-office there in 1826.

Frenchtown—After the exodus of the French refugees, that part of Asylum which had been occupied by them, was called Frenchtown in their remembrance.

Ghent—Articles of peace and amity between Earl Mastin and wife, a belligerent couple, having been agreed upon, about the time articles were signed between the United States and Great Britain at Ghent, Dr. Zadoc Gillett gave the locality the name "Ghent," a designation by which East Sheshequin is still known.

Gillett, both the post-office and locality are so named in honor of Deacon Asa Gillett, a man of enterprise and splendid influence, who came from Delaware county, N. Y., to South Creek in 1833.

Grover so named in memory of Isaiah Grover, a Revolutionary soldier, who made the first improvement in that locality, 1798. He moved to Ohio in 1821 where he died, 1829, aged 73 years.

Herrickville is a derivative, the suffix *ville* meaning village or town; hence the village of Herrick, or Herrickville.

Hornbrook, both creek and locality, takes its name from the large horn, or tusk of a mastadon, 9 feet long, which was found near the mouth of that stream in the bed of the river by Isaac Horton in 1844. Also from a pair of deer's horns found locked in a tree on the creek at an earlier date.

Laddsburg, name first given to the post-office, established at South Albany, 1850, in honor of the Ladds, pioneers of Albany township.

Laquin is an ingenious construction from two words—*La* from Barclay and *quin* from Quinn. In 1902 Barclay brothers (G. B. & C. F.) of Cameron county and T. H. Quinn & Co. of Elk county formed a co-partnership under the firm name of the Laquin Lumber Company for extensive lumbering operations in Barclay township. Thus the old

firms were united under one word, Laquin, from the names of both. The town growing up around their mills became Laquin and now has a population (both sides of the Schrader) of about 1000.

Leona is derived from the word Leonard. What is known as Leona was settled by Ezekiel and Austin Leonard in 1804, the locality for years being known as "Leonard Hollow."

LeRaysville, so named in honor of Vincent LeRay de Chaumont, a French gentleman of Jefferson county, N. Y., who owned many sections of land, embracing a large part of Eastern Bradford; incorporated May 16, 1863; population, 326 in 1910.

Luthers Mills derives its name from the establishment of mills at that place by Elisha Luther who settled there in 1816.

Macedonia—That section of Asylum known as Macedonia derives its name by reason of a sermon preached by Amos Acla in which the words "Macedonia," "Macedonian cry," "come over and help us" were used very frequently. The boys took up the phrase and called the settlement Macedonia, a cognomen which has ever since clung to the locality.

Merryall—"In the early settlement of Connecticut a few hardy pioneers began a settlement in the township of New Milford in what was afterwards the parish of New Preston, and having got a little rum while regaling themselves by a fine cold spring, christened it by the name of Merryall." From this place Thomas Lewis and others of the Wyalusing pioneers came. In remembrance of their former home they called their settlement Merryall.

Milan, a name said to have been suggested by Mrs. Guy Tracy. The place was originally known as "Marshall's Corners" from the fact that Josiah B. Marshall commenced business and opened a hotel here in the early 30's. The locality has also been known as "Upper Ulster."

Minnequa derives its name from a legend in which "Minnequa," an Indian maiden, met a tragic death and was buried near the celebrated mineral springs bearing her name. Peter Herdic made the place famous by establishing a health resort there in 1869.

Monroeton is a contraction for Monroe-town, meaning the town or village of Monroe or within Monroe, in contradistinction from the name of the township. Both the village and the township had the name Monroe until 1829, when the post-office there was changed to Monroeton and since retained as the name of the village. Incorporated May 19, 1855; population 403 in 1910.

Myersburg so named in remembrance of its founders and first settlers, Jacob and William Myer. In early times Myersburg was a center and place of more importance than Towanda. Here were a grist and saw-mill, carding and fulling factory, shop, store, hotel and distillery.

Neath, a name given to the Welsh settlement in East Pike when the postoffice was established there in 1870.

New Albany so called to perpetuate the original name ("New Albany") of the township and to designate between the village and the earlier organization; incorporated Dec. 6, 1879; population 413 in 1910.

Overshot takes its name from the fact of the building of an overshot saw-mill on a little stream in the northwest corner of Towanda township by C. L. Ward and J. F. Means.

Pail Factory, a name retained to a section of North Towanda, from the fact that a pail factory was established there in 1828 by Nathaniel Manville and Jacob Myer.

Potterville so named in honor of Jason Potter, a native of Plymouth, Conn., who owned a large tract of land in East Orwell and settled thereon in 1824.

Powell originally known as Greenwood; post-office established there as Linwood in 1855, changed April 1, 1872, to Powell in honor of Joseph Powell of Towanda, one of the chief promoters in establishing the tannery at that place.

Quick's Bend, the northern section of Wilmot township, around which the river flows in a semi-circle, and so named from James Quick, one of the first settlers there.

Rome, origin same as township; incorporated February 3, 1858; population 222 in 1910. Frederick Eiklor was the first settler in 1798.

Rummerfield, both village and creek, so called in remembrance of Anthony Rummerfield, a blacksmith, who located near the mouth of the creek in 1774.

Sayre so named in honor of Robert H. Sayre, president of the Pa. & N. Y. R. R., when the first depot was located there; the name has been extended to the town and borough; incorporated Jany. 27, 1891; population 6426 in 1910.

Silvara so called in honor of Emanuel Silvara, a native of Portugal, who settled in Tuscarora, where the village, which bears his name, now stands.

South Waverly that part of Waverly built in Bradford county

south of the New York state line; incorporated Jany 28, 1878; population 1084 in 1910.

Stevensville derives its name from the settlement commenced in Pike, 1794 by Aden and Nathan Stevens, brothers, from Connecticut.

Sugar Run, both village and creek, derive their name from the fact that originally there were fine maple groves, where considerable quantities of maple sugar were made, at the mouth of the stream, which was called Sugar Run.

Sylvania, name given the post-office established March 18, 1818 and extended to village; incorporated May 5, 1853; population 217 in 1910. Originally known as "Columbia Flats."

Terrytown was originally the settlement of the Terry families and the village is so called from that fact.

Towanda, origin same as township; incorporated March 5, 1828; population 4281 in 1910. Also long known as "Meansville" from the settlement and improvements of Wm. Means, the first settler.

Troy, origin same as township; incorporated April 11, 1845; population 1288 in 1910. Reuben Case the first settler in 1798.

Ulster, origin same as township; originally known as "Old Sheshequin." Here the first trading post in Bradford county was established in 1765, and a mission by the Moravians in 1766.

Wilawana from the Indian *Wilawan* or *Wilawaning*, meaning the "Big Horn"—"the place where the big horn was found."

Wetona so named in a legend written by A. S. Hooker of "Wetonah," a gigantic Oneida warrior, who survived the battle of Newtown and thenceforth inhabited the locality which bears his name. Wetona proper was originally known as "Pleasant Valley."

Windfall the western section of Granville, derives its name from the condition of the wilderness found by the first settlers. In March, 1794, a terrific tornado passed from the Armenia mountain to Granville township, thence to LeRoy and then onward in a southeasterly direction into Sullivan county. In its path, a mile wide, the timber was prostrated.

Wyalusing, origin same as township; incorporated February 16, 1887; population 580 in 1910. Near here an important Moravian Mission, *Friedenshutten*, was established in 1765.

Lakes and Streams

Bear Creek, Rome, so called from being the haunt of bears, more especially from the circumstance that on this stream Nathaniel Moody, the first settler, attacked and killed a bear with an ax.

Chemung (river) corrupted from the Indian word *Shamunk*, signifying "the place of a horn"—"a big horn."

Memorial Streams—Many creeks in Bradford county bear the names of pioneers who settled along or near them, as follows:

Barnes in Canton
Bennett, Asylum
Bentley, Ridgebery
Brown, Albany
Brown, Burlington & Smithfield
Buck, Ulster and Smithfield
Buck, Ridgebery.
Bullard, Rome
Camp, Herrick
Case, Warren
Cash, Ulster
Chaffee, Warren
Chubbuck, Rome
Durell, Asylum
Ellis, Asylum
Hicks, Rome
Johnson, Rome & Orwell
Kent, Monroe
Ladd, Albany
Leonard, Springfield
Middaugh, Wyalusing
Mitchell in Smithfield
Morgan, Armenia
Orcutt, Athens
Park, Litchfield .
Parks, Rome
Prince, Warren
Rathbone, Armenia
Rockwell, Pike
Ross, Pike
Rummerfield, Standing Stone
Rundall, Armenia
Satterlee, Athens & Litchfield
Schrader, Monroe, etc.
Seeley, Wells
Shepard, Athens
Spalding, Sheshequin
Stevens, Tuscarora
Tomjack, Burlington & Smithfield
Vought, Standing Stone
Wolcott, Athens
Wolf, Columbia

Mill Creek so called because of the number of mills in operation on that stream during the lumbering period. Each Canton, Columbia, Pike, Sheshequin and Springfield and West Burlington township has a mill creek.

Millstone Run, Monroe and Overton, so called from the conglomerate rock abounding there from which mill-stones were cut. John Northrup and others engaged extensively in getting out mill-stones here a century ago.

Mountain Lake, a beautiful sheet of water, half a mile in length and one-fourth of a mile wide, situated near the center of Burlington township, is so called because of its elevation, being on the summit of a ridge, or mountain.

Allen's Lake, called Wesauking

Nestling among the hills of the upper Susquehanna is one of the most beautiful valleys in Pennsylvania--the Wysox, or Wysauking. Overlooking this vale from the north is a tableland at an elevation of 1,300 feet. Half hid here among the fine farm lands, sparkling like a diamond in the sunlight, is Lake Wesauking—one of the most beautiful sheets of water in the state. These waters from which the pretty deer used to drink, around which the panther, bear and wolves roamed in search of their prey, for centuries, were only known to the Red man. Who discovered Lake Wesauking? We might venture that it was the "Hermit of Wysauking," for he was a great hunter and this refreshing retreat among the hills would have afforded many of the pleasures of his peculiar nature. However, this tempting sheet of water was known to the pioneers more than a century ago. A man by the name of Grover made the first improvements on the west side of the lake. He sold to Jesse Allen, a Revolutionary soldier, who came to the possession in 1797. Allen in turn sold to John Lent, another Revolutionary soldier, who in March, 1800, moved into the little log house near the lake with his family. Lent occupied the farm until his death, when it passed into the hands of his son Albert and from him to his son, Albert, present owner, the title having been in the same family for 115 years. The east side, or head of the lake was settled by John Bull in 1802. A number of cottages have been built and many find pleasure and comfort here as a summer home. The word Wesauking is of recent coinage, evidently a modification of Wysauking, the original name of Wysox. Originally this body of water was known as Allen's Lake, then long as Pond Lake until changed to Wesauking as a mere fancy.

Nepahwin, "the spirit of sleep," as given by Longfellow in his "Song of Hiawatha." Gillett's Lake or Pond in Canton township was changed to Lake Nepahwin at the suggestion of A. T. Lilley.

Tamarack Creek so called from having its source in Tamarack swamp, Armenia, abounding in the tamerack.

Tioga (river) corrupted from the Indian word *Tahihogah*, *Teahoge*, *Daoga*, etc. meaning "at the forks," "the point of land at the confluence of two streams," or "the meeting of the waters."

South Branch applied to the principal stream from the south flowing into Towanda creek and other streams in the county.

Sugar Creek derives its name from the fact that it flows through a locality where maple sugar was made. A century ago there were fine maple groves along this stream in North Towanda. Here in 1737 Conrad Weiser visited the Indian settlement of *Oscalui* and found the natives "living on the juice of the maple tree." They could furnish him no provisions but supplied him abundantly with maple sugar.

Susquehanna (river) is an Indian term signifying "winding or crooked river."

Wappasening (creek) corrupted from *Wapachsinning*, signifying "where are white stones," alluding to supposed deposit of silver ore.

Hills and Valleys

Many of the hills in Bradford county take their names from and stand as memorials to the pioneers locating upon them. The following are the most prominent:

Babcock, Windham
Bennett, Ridgebery
Clapper, Tuscarora
Corson, Albany
Crayton, Franklin
Ellis, Asylum
Fisher, Towanda
Garrison, Wells
Gregg, Towanda
Hatch, Albany
Hibbard, Albany
Hollon, Monroe
Judson, Wells
Moore's, Ulster
Morley, Rome
Rowlee, Wells
Shores, Wysox
Taylor, Rome
Thompson, South Creek
Towner, Rome
Vaughan, Wyalusing
Viall, Terry
Vroman, Granville
Waltman, Albany

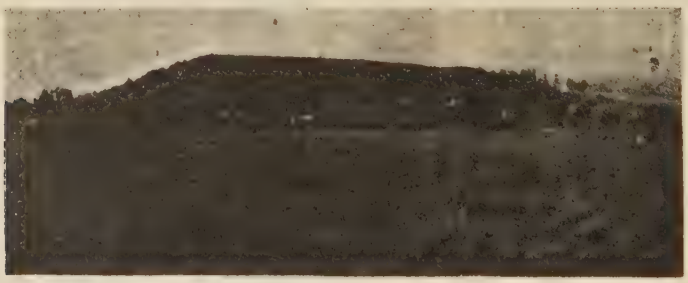
Among the Valleys or Hollows named for first settlers are *Allis*, Orwell; *Keeler*, Smithfield; *Northrup*, Monroe: *Slater*, Burlington; *Vought*, Rome; *Wells*, Orwell; *Wolcott*, Athens; *Wolf*, Columbia.

Historic Points.

Beaver Dam and Meadows—The noted Beaver Dam and Meadows were at the headwaters of Towanda Creek in Canton township, near Grover.

Breakneck and Squaw's Head—Tradition has it that an Indian squaw was offered a quart of rum if she would jump from the rocks above Towanda into the Susquehanna river. She tried for the rum and broke her neck, hence the name of the locality. The point at which she made her leap is known as the "Squaw's Head." Here for many years the image of a squaw's head was painted upon the rocks, originally having been done, it is claimed, in her own blood, by the Indians. Colonel Hubley of Sullivan's army in his journal of August 9, 1779, says: "We ascended a very remarkable high mountain, generally known by the name of Break-Neck Hill. The mountain derives its name from the great height of the difficult and narrow passage, not more than one foot wide and remarkably precipice which is immediately perpendicular and not less than 180 feet deep. One misstep must inevitably carry you from the top to bottom without the least chance of recovery."

Carantouan was located at what is known as Spanish Hill, just above the present village of Sayre. It was the principal town of the *Carantouannais*, was palisaded and contained 800 warriors. Samuel Champlain had secured the friendship of the *Hurons* who occupied the territory adjoining lakes Huron and Erie. The Carantouannais were the allies of the Hurons. In 1615 Champlain sent Stephen Brule', his interpreter and explorer, with twelve Hurons to arrange with the Carantouannais for a force of 500 warriors to co-operate with Champlain and the Hurons in an attack upon the Onondaga stronghold. They reached Carantouan the latter part of September, where they were "welcomed with great joy, being entertained by banquets and



dances for some days." After the expedition Brule' returned to Carantouan and explored the surrounding country. The next year (1616) he went down the Susquehanna to the sea, being the first white man ever to perform this journey, and so far as known, was *the first white man to set foot upon the soil of Pennsylvania.* What was Carantouan, for more than a century has been known as Spanish Hill. Why it should have been so called is mere fancy as there is no historic basis for such name. Spanish Hill stands out from the encircling hill ranges at the head of the plain where the two valleys converge. It has an elevation of 230 feet above the plain. As to origin it has long been a matter of speculation and investigation. That Spanish Hill is a "moraine," or "drift mound," the work of nature, is the conclusion most probable.

Claverack was one of the "original seventeen townships" of the Susquehanna Company, which came into existence as follows: "Rumors of the wonderous beauty and fertility of the Susquehanna valley were in circulation. A few prominent men of Connecticut, wishing to know more of the country, sent a party to explore this region. They were charmed with Wyoming. Its broad plains, its rich soil and beautiful situation made it a paradise beside the sterile, rockbound New England, and so favorable a report did they make that an association, styled the Susquehanna Company was formed July 8, 1753, for the purpose of securing the purchase and effecting a settlement of the Susquehanna lands with the ultimate design of being erected into a separate colony by royal charter." June 20, 1774, permission was given Jeremiah Hogaboom and Solomon Strong by the Susquehanna Company to locate and survey a township *five miles square.* The said township extending on both sides of the Susquehanna river, in or before 1778, was laid out and given the name, "Claverack." It embraced half of Wysox and the Towandas, Lower Sheshequin and a section of Macedonia. The name Claverack long clung to Towanda and the territory within its bounds, and the Claverack lines are still in evidence as landmarks.

Fencelor's Fort—One of the most interesting natural curiosities to be found in the territory of Rome is the rock known as Fencelor's Fort. Half way between Rome village and North Rome, where the public road runs close to the creek, the traveler will observe, in going over the ground, that he has gradually ascended to the crest of a small hill. Here is Fencelor's Fort. The formation of the ground is like that of a huge wedge driven into the bank with the butt lying in the creek, the three sides showing a perpendicular face of some 15 or 20 feet. Thus at the crest, where the public road crosses, there is only a narrow neck leading to the top of the natural fortress. The tradition for the name

is substantially as follows: Matthias Fencelor, "the hermit," who came early to Wysox, and of whom many interesting tales are related, having been to the upper settlements along the river found himself drifting through the darkness before he could reach home. A pack of wolves came upon his track and pressed him closely until he reached the rock above described. The only point of attack left open was the narrow neck at the crest of the hill. Here Fencelor built a fire, through which the wolves would not venture to pass, making his situation secure. Upon the dawn of morning, the pack departed and Fencelor resumed his journey without further interruption.

Friedenshutten signifying "huts of peace," the name of the mission town established by the Moravians at Wyalusing in 1765. It took the place of the Indian town and occupied the flats in the bend of the river opposite the mouth of Sugar Run creek. The town consisted of 29 log houses, 13 huts, 7 stables for horses and a church, surmounted by a cupola containing a bell. During the continuance of the mission 139 had been baptized and 7 couples married. In June, 1772, the mission was abandoned when all (151) removed to the Tuscaroras Valley in Ohio.

Gap Rocks—Directly back of Towanda on the Laning place, there is a natural passageway, about 8 feet wide, between two rocks (Gap Rocks) in the ledge. Through this gap or opening was an Indian path for a long period of time; General Sullivan and his army passed through this gap in 1779.

Indian Hill on the southern border of the county in Tuscarora township derives its name from the fact that there on the 29th of September, 1778, a decisive engagement took place between Colonel Hartley's men and the Indians. The enemy fled, leaving ten of their number dead upon the field. Hartley's loss was four killed and ten wounded.

Miciscum, or Great Indian Meadows was the flat land on the west bank of the Susquehanna river, extending from Shoemaker's rift (one-half mile above Homets Ferry station) to the old Crawford farm. The meadows were from 40 to 80 rods wide. These flats when first known to white man were covered with an immense growth of blue grass, the only timber being the large walnut trees. The Moravians and early settlers harvested the grass at Miciscum for their stock in winter.

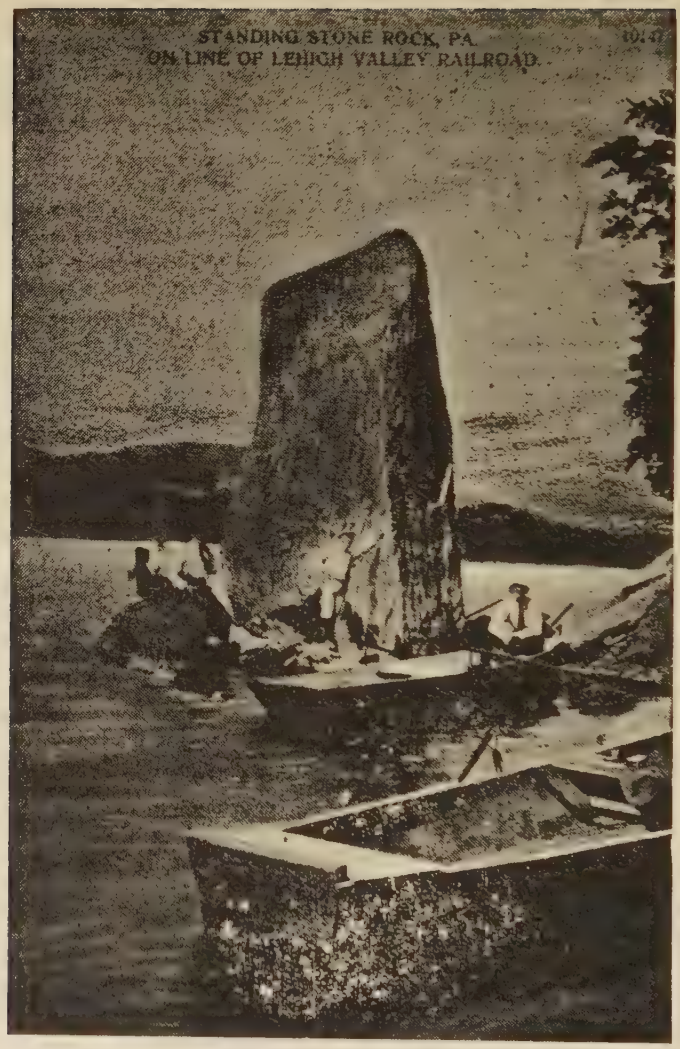
Mt. Pisgah, one of the highest points in Pennsylvania and far famed for the beautiful and extensive landscapes to be seen from its summit, is in the southern part of Springfield township. In shape it much resembles a Greek cross. The nave or upright part lies nearly

north and south and is about 2½ miles long. The transept or cross-bar lies nearly east and west and is about two miles long, the western arm somewhat the longer. "In the fall of 1817, John Dobbins with Myron Ballard and Elam Kendall started out from Sugar Creek for a general hunt to the then nameless mountain. They went to the very apex where they found a nice clear spring of water, where they pitched their tent for the night. In the morning Dobbins said, 'boys, this is too nice a place without a name' and taking his knife he cut in the smooth bark of a Norway pine the word, *Pisgah*, then stepping back a few feet, looking to the east and seeing the rising sun in all its splendor, said, 'From Pisgah's top I view the promised land.'" As thus christened so has the name of the mountain ever remained.

Oscalui was one of the palisaded villages of the *Andastes* within Bradford county. It occupied the bluff, on the north side of Sugar Creek near its mouth, bounded by the creek and the Lehigh Valley railroad. It was second in importance to *Tioga*, standing as it did at the junction of the great trail from the West Branch to the Susquehanna with the Great Warrior path down the river. Oscalui was succeeded by the village of *Newtychanning* which was destroyed by Sullivan's army in 1779.

Queen Esther's Flats lie along the Susquehanna river in Athens township just above Milan. They derive their name from the fact that here for a time was the home and domain of Queen Esther. She was the wife of *Eghohowin* who died about 1772. As he had been chief or "king," his wife was called Queen Esther and had control of the clan. Queen Esther's town comprised about 70 rude houses which were destroyed by Colonel Hartley in September, 1778. Queen Esther became notorious for her fiendish acts at Wyoming in July, 1778. She led the Indians into the fort after it was surrendered. Prisoners, captured in the battle, were taken to the "Bloody Rock," where 14 of them are said to have received their death blow from a tomahawk in the hands of this desperate woman.

Standing Stone—For a long period of time there were two Standing Stones known to and of great importance to the American Indians. One of these was in Huntingdon county on the Juniata river where the town of Huntingdon now stands. The ancient Indian village there was called Standing Stone but the stone which was regarded by the Indians with superstitious veneration disappeared before the advent of white man in the valley. The other standing stone and many times the greater is within Bradford county, and is in the same place today where it has stood for ages. As it has been a landmark since the coming of white man, it was also for a long and unknown period a point of note with the Indians.


STANDING STONE ROCK, PA.
ON LINE OF LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

Our Standing Stone stands on the west bank of the Susquehanna river, opposite the Standing Stone flats. From actual measurement the stone is 21 feet wide at the water-line and tapers from 4 feet to 3 feet in thickness. Its greatest height above the water-line is 25 feet, sloping on the opposite side to 17 1-3 feet. The distance across the top is 14 feet. Estimating that the stone extends 10 feet below the water-line its weight would be 168 tons. Two theories are advanced as to how this great stone came here in its upright position. One is that it was detatched from its bed on the mountain and taking a downward course displacing all obstacles, took a final leap from the top of the precipice and landed in a vertical position in the water near the shore and remains a standing stone. The other theory, and the more probable one, is that this rock once lay as other stratum; and those beneath having crumbled and been washed away, the stone of its own weight fell, landing end-ward into the earth where it has since remained intact. Standing Stone has attracted wide attention and been studied as a great curiosity. It was a matter of great interest to Sullivan's army when it passed up the valley in 1779. Several of those who kept journals made especial note of this remarkable stone. Col. Adam Hubley says: "August 8th we entered an extensive valley or plain, known by the name of Standing Stone; made a halt here for about half an hour for refreshments. The place derives its name from a large stone standing erect in the river immediately opposite this plain. It is 20 feet in height, 14 feet in width and 3 feet in depth. This valley abounds in grass, the land exceedingly fine and produces chiefly white oak, black walnut and pine timber."

Table Rock--Opposite Upper Towanda on the east side of the river is a great ledge or wall of rocks. Almost at the summit of the ledge at an elevation of 1317 feet is a flat projecting section, which has long been known as Table Rock. From this overhanging stratum it is nearly perpendicular to the roadbed 600 feet below. It is a most sightly point and hundreds of people climb the rocky hill every year to take observations from Table Rock.

Dangers, Hardships and Thrilling Incidents.

A Long and Dangerous Journey—The first winter after Samuel Gore settled in Sheshequin he was compelled to go via Wyoming to the Delaware river to winter his oxen, no means of doing so being nearer. His money to carry him a journey of 150 miles was an English crown. The paths were impassable, nearly, but on the fourth day he arrived at Wyoming, where he rested and prepared feed for his cattle for the balance of the journey by twisting hay into large ropes and fastening them around their bodies and necks. He packed his wallet with Indian johnny-cake and slung it upon his arm, and entered the great Dismal Swamp. The snow was two feet deep and the weather severe. On the second day he had a creek to cross, so deep that footmen could not pass without wading. Mounting one of his oxen, he attempted to ride across, but the anchor-ice hit his legs, his steed played him false and left its rider to make his way out as best he could. He was now four miles from any house, his clothes were frozen and he alone in the depths of the forests and night approaching. That he should have escaped death seems miraculous. Afterwards in relating this terrible plight, he said he considered his chances for life more hopeless and desperate than when pursued by the yelling savages at Wyoming.

Facing Dangers—It was more than a century ago that John and Nathaniel Ballard, twin brothers, aged 18, with knapsacks upon their backs, filled with pork and johnny-cake, each with an ax, pushed on up Sugar Creek from Burlington to begin improvements in what is now Columbia. They followed the creek to avoid losing their way, there being no visible track or blazed tree to guide them. When they arrived at the present site of Long's Mills, two panthers sprang from their coverts across their way and seemed disposed to dispute the further progress of the young pioneers. The beasts were not easily scared and the "grass policy" only made them show their fangs the more fiercely. At last, each armed with a heavy club, the boys made a dash upon the long-tailed cats, and a few blows well delivered soon put them to flight.

Before reaching their destination, a drove of bears attempted to oppose their advance and being treated to a like onslaught, retreated and left the field to the victors. After a week's labor, provisions gave out and they returned to Burlington for a fresh supply. When they went back they took their rifles with them.

Brave Woman Saves Her Pig—One of the courageous pioneer women was Mary Park Moore of South Litchfield. One night an old bear had the impudence to visit Mr. Moore's hog-pen, taking therefrom a pig which he was fattening. Though it was a dark night and Mr. Moore away from home his wife was equal to the emergency. Seizing a couple of pine torches she started in pursuit with her dogs. The bear was soon overtaken, the struggling pig preventing him from getting over the ground very rapidly. Mrs. Moore and her dogs were so close upon the bear's heels that he had no opportunity to stop to kill the pig; for the brave woman, with torches ablaze and swinging them too and fro, calling loudly upon her dogs to "catch him, seize him," seemed to inspire them with the notion that much depended upon their best effort. So spirited was the attack upon the bear that he dropped the pig to defend his heels. The pig not being badly hurt, scampered to his pen, while the bear, seemingly unwilling to cope with such a formidable array, made a break for the forest.

Remarkable Courage and Endurance—Among the dauntless Germans who settled in the wilderness of Overton was Jacob Hottenstein. To provide the wants of his family, he worked in the vicinity of Monroeton and Towanda and not infrequently after his day's work, backed a grist to his family, a distance of 12 or 15 miles, through an unbroken wilderness. His journey, which was generally after night, was beset with dangers—the woods then being full of wild beasts. One night as he was coming across huckleberry mountain with a bag of corn upon his back, he heard the wolves upon his track. By making good speed, he reached the "Baker clearing" before they could do him harm. In order to reach his work again in the morning to get in a full day, he had to arise very early. He had no watch and could only tell the time by the rise of a certain star.

Hard Pressed By Wolves—The following is related of Samuel Avery, an early settler of Armenia: "Avery had been engaged by Reuben Nash of Columbia flats to assist in butchering hogs and received for pay, a liberal piece of pork with several 'plucks thrown in.' After laying in a good supply of rations from Mrs. Nash's generous table, Avery started in the darkness through an almost unbroken wilderness for his home four miles distant. His road lay through a glen

called Painter Lick and he soon heard wolves on his track. Return he could not and his only avenue of escape was towards his home, for which he pushed his steps as fast as possible. The snapping of the jaws of the ugly brutes smote ominously on his ear. Near and nearer the gaunt, hungry pack advanced, and something must be done to check the close pursuit. Avery was for once, at least, equal to the emergency forced upon him. Cutting off with his knife a small piece of liver, he cast it down in the path where it was seized by the voracious beasts and quarreled over for a time, and then the pursuit was again taken up. Again the liver was sacrificed upon the altar of necessity and again the advance of danger stayed. Thus by husbanding and using judiciously his 'pluck' Avery saved his 'bacon' and lived to recount his adventure on Armenia mountain to admiring crowds of small boys if not to children of a larger growth."

Shot For a Deer—One of the saddest events in the early history of Ulster was the tragic death of Lockwood, the 19-year old son of Wm. Curry. July 8, 1801, a son of Joseph Smith betook himself to the mountain to watch a deer lick. Some time after Lockwood Curry started out for the same purpose. As he approached through the dense foliage in the dusky light, young Smith supposing the object to be a deer, discharged his rifle and the mark fell to the ground. Smith ran to the spot where the object lay and to his horror and anguish found his friend and campanion, bleeding and speechless with a wound through his breast. He was too terrified to render assistance but hastened to alarm the neighbors who rallied and carried Curry home. He lived until the afternoon of the next day.

Struggle With a Bear—One of the fearless pioneer hunters was Daniel Heverly, Jr. of Overton who had many narrow escapes in his encounters with wild beasts. On one occasion he came upon a large bear. He fired but only wounded the animal. A fierce battle at once ensued between his dog and the bear. Before he could reload the bear had got the advantage, and not wishing to lose his dog, he ran up to the bear and caught him by the hind legs to draw him off. The bear then turned upon him and he fought him off as best he could till the dog could again close in by a new hold on the bear's heels. Thus the battle went on for some time, until the hunter was nearly exhausted. Finally their struggles brought them near an old tree, when Heverly seized a hemlock knot and dealt the bear several telling blows across the head and put an end to his existence.

Entering The Wilderness—When Nathaniel Moody, Rome's first settler, moved with his family, night coming on before they reach-

ed their cabin, they were compelled to encamp at the junction of Bear and Wysox creek. Mr. Moody with flint and steel kindled a fire in a dry pine tree, in the light of which they slept on the ground, their lullaby being the howling wolves in the distance. In the morning Mrs. Moody was frightened at what she supposed were Indians, but proved to be some settlers from below—Henry Tallady, Henry Lawrence, Matthias Fencelor (the hermit) and a Mr. Hathaway. They had been hunting and had a wolf hung by his heels on a pole which they bore on their shoulders past the encampment. It was small wonder that a Massachusetts woman should mistake such costumed men for natives of the forest. It was a glad surprise to her, however, to learn she had white neighbors so near—four miles.

Little Girl's Escape From Wolves—John Ingham was one of the pioneer settlers above Camptown. His wife narrated the following: "Her little daughter when five or six years old went to visit at Joseph Ingham's, the whole distance nearly being through heavy timber. She stayed until it was nearly dark. On her return she met what she supposed was her father's dog, which was about the size and color of a wolf. She spoke to the animal but it passed her and went into the woods and immediately, she heard the howl of a wolf, which was answered by a number in different directions. Joseph Ingham heard them and fearing the little girl had not yet reached home, sprang upon his horse and rode at full speed after her; but the little one was too well posted in woodcraft not to comprehend the significance of that signal and had run home as fast as her little feet would carry her. She arrived there about the same time that Mr. Ingham did, safe, but sadly frightened."

A Night of Terror—In April 1800, Ephraim Ladd, sons Horatio, Charles and others went from Monroe up the South Branch on a prospecting tour. The first day brought them to the central part of present Albany township where a brush cabin was constructed against the bank of the creek to protect them from the night. A fire was built in front of the cabin and after their evening meal, the party lay down to sleep. Horatio Ladd was a timid man. He had heard of panthers and knew they were an object to be dreaded. He was sore afraid with fear and could not sleep. His hair fairly stood on ends as his ear caught the sound of a crackling among the brush—a panther sure. It was evident that the animal was moving in the direction of the camp and would make an attack. Awakening his father as quietly as possible, Horatio soon made known his fears and had the gun and powderhorn. The ferocious beast finally stood before them. Horatio leveled

his gun and fired, and as he pulled the trigger he screamed, "a panther!" There was commotion in camp for a short time. However, no one was carried off by panthers that night but in the morning a dead deer was found a short distance from the encampment.

Settlement Thrown Into Consternation—A novel cure for homesickness was developed in the Sugar Creek settlement in the years of privation and land troubles, when food was scarce and quarrels and vexations between Pennamites and Connecticut titlers were abundant. It is no wonder that women and children in thinking of the comforts of their father's house, where they had "enough and to spare," while they were reduced to husks almost literally, should long for the old fireside, rosy-cheeked apples, the smoking brown loaf from the old brick oven and the generous boiled beef and pork, flanked by garden sass in profusion. And as they longed for it, no wonder that that intense desire to return to the old scenes which every home-sick boy or girl, or strong man or tender woman has felt, that brings that indescribable lump into the throat and turns the stomach against every tempting morsel that can be set before the miserable victim of nostralgia. One poor lad of 16, sorely afflicted, hit upon, not a very brilliant scheme it must be confessed, to force a return of his family to the old home.

One morning while the men of the settlement were all at the river for supplies, he took his gun into the woods and taking off his hat shot a hole through it and then did the same thing to his coat, being careful to shoot it where, if on him, the ball would not have hit him; but unfortunately for his pretty little scheme he forgot to take that precaution with his hat. Having thus unloaded his gun, he appeared in the hamlet in an apparently hasty condition and proclaimed his escape from a body of Indians, who commanded him to halt but not doing so they fired on him, exhibiting the bullet-holes in his hat and coat as evidence of his statement and, his empty gun as a proof of his alleged stout defense. The alarm spread like wildfire through the settlement, messengers were dispatched to the river to hasten the return of the men, the houses were prepared for defense, bullets cast, guns cleaned, in momentary anticipation of hearing the dreaded war-whoop of the savage and seeing the gleaming of his knife. The men returned quickly and equipping themselves with their rifles, took the boy who gave the alarm and proceeded cautiously to the point where he alleged he saw the Indians. Arriving there, they examined the ground carefully but failed to find any signs of a body of Indians, the only tracks seen being all of one size and going one way, towards the houses. Pressing the

lad closely with questions, he at last confessed it was a sham, conceived and executed by himself to scare the women and so induce them to force a removal back to Connecticut. The men laughed heartily at the ruse and especially when an examination of the boy's hat revealed the fact that if it had been hit while on his head it would certainly have been death to him. The women were not so easily pacified, especially some who had passed through the horrors of Wyoming, but having a fellow-feeling for the homesick boy, they at last forgave him.

Champion over Indians—There were a number of exciting incidents connected with the treaty of 1790 with the Six Nations. "About 300 warriors in full gala dress, passed down the Susquehanna and encamped on the Sheshequin flats. Their whoops and war dances though terrifying still became interesting in the extreme. General Spalding contributed to their frolic and *cuisine* at the same time by giving them six good running hogs for capturing and cooking. The race was a long and exciting one. They cooked these shoats in a kettle with corn and beans, without dressing, and called it *ump-a-squanch*. On their return from Philadelphia they again stopped at General Spalding's and challenged the whites for a foot-race. The challenge was accepted and William Witter Spalding selected as the champion of the settlers and won the race. This gave umbrage to the Indians and then Spalding challenged them to run a mile, but was refused, and peace was maintained with much difficulty, the Indians drawing their knives for fighting."

Almost a Panther's Victim—The following was narrated by the late Editor A. S. Hooker of Troy: "Many years ago when nearly the whole Leona Valley was a dense wilderness, Ezekiel Leonard was a famous hunter. One evening he went over to the large spring just east of the road, leading from Daly's mill to Troy. This was a well known deer-lick and the hunter repaired thither to replenish his larder with the toothsome venison. As he was following the dim path through the dense woods of pine, hemlock and birch, he heard a not unfamiliar sound through the stillness of the autumn evening air. It seemed to come from a distance and began with a low cooing note that ran to a low quaver and dwindled to a piping child's voice, broken by sobs and whimperings, as if a baby had strayed from its mother's arms and had been lost in the woods. He knew that it was the cunning voice of that most savage and cowardly beast of the American wilds and moved on. Arrived at the spring below a steep bank, he felt the autumn wind a little bit chill and a few rods from the deer lick he lay down on a dry bank, in a good place, waiting for the hunt-

er's moon to rise. Covering himself from the night air with a thick blanket, he listened to the fretful gurgling of the spring and waited for the deer to come. The evening was passing in loneliness and still no steps of deer came down the hillside path. What could have kept them away? Just as the soft rays of the moon, beginning to rise over Pisgah, were gilding the landscape, a slight noise was heard overhead and a small piece of bark fell on his blanket; supposing it was the wind moving among the branches or the snapping of a twig by some bird of the night, he waited. Suddenly a huge body precipitated itself through the air on the prostrate form beneath the blanket, nearly knocking the breath out of his body and causing him to utter a piercing yell of pain and fright. Alighting on the outspread blanket with outstretched limbs and claws the panther astonished, drew himself together, gathering up the loose blanket in his embrace with one desperate clutch. Then half frightened and realizing its blunder with a shriek of disappointment, it gave one spring and bounded away into the forest. It was a large sized panther which had come to watch in a tree for deer. The hunter was not unwilling to let the beast escape."

Fearless Pioneer Woman—Among the pioneer women who were stout hearted and brave, Mrs. Sophia Fowler, wife of Russell Fowler of Monroe, proved herself a heroine on more occasions than one. The following is related: "One day to the great amazement of 'Aunt Sophia' her door was suddenly burst open and a hunter appeared, exhausted and terribly frightened. Inquiring as to the trouble, he made known in his excited way that a bear of prodigious size was close upon his heel. Losing no time to look up cowardly hunters, Bruin made for the pig-pen and was soon embracing a young shoat. Hearing the pig squeal Aunt Sophia grabbed a fire-brand and put to the rescue, but despite the burns which she inflicted, the bear killed the pig and carried it off, the hunter remaining in the house in the meantime. One day while the men were busily engaged about the mill-yard skidding logs, a panther came, took Aunt Sophia's calf out of the pen and carried it to the shade of a large oak tree standing in the yard, where after a hearty dinner of fresh veal, he left the carcass and returned to the mountains undetected. The pen from which the calf was taken stood not more than five rods from where the men were working."

A Child Lost!—Mrs. Elizabeth Wolcott of Litchfield narrated the following, concerning the little son of her daughter, Mrs. Hiram Merrill: "Early in the struggle of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill for a home occurred one of those incidents which in pioneer life is always most startling and stirs to the very depths the heartfelt sympathies of all

who may read or hear, the announcement, 'a child is lost!' Yet, this was the heart-rending experience of my daughter and her husband. Little Chester, their second son, one bright morning wandered away into the forest with no other covering than his little night shirt, unnoticed by any one and for an hour or more unmissed. Having realized what had happened Mrs. Merrill flew into the woods wildly calling the little fellow's name. Her husband and brother, William, though working at some distance, heard her despairing cries and came in haste to the rescue. They instituted a search as thorough as their limited number would admit but of no avail. The child was hopelessly lost in a dense forest where wild and vicious beasts of prey had their haunts. William went for aid while Mrs. Merrill and her husband were searching the woods in every direction in quest of their darling or some sign or trail which they could follow. The people responded generously at the call for help. More than 200 men came but not until the third day were their efforts rewarded. They found the little fellow alive and well, but almost wild with fear and his little body one solid mass of mosquito bites. Such a shout as reverberated through the forest! Signal guns were fired and a courier despatched post haste to carry the glad tidings to the nearly distracted mother who had not been able to eat or sleep in her anxiety."

A Narrow Escape From Wolves—Nearly a century ago when the Towanda hills were yet a wilderness, Sim West, a young man, started one evening from his father's home to William Finch's, two miles distant. He not gone far when a pack of gray wolves struck his track and followed, making the woods ring with their dismal howls. He ran at his best speed, the wolves constantly gained on him and would soon have overtaken him had it not been for the Cox house on the way. Bursting open the door, he barely had time to mount the ladder leading to the second story, which he drew up after him, before the denizens of the wood filled the room below. All night long the hungry pack kept up their howls, leaving at daylight, when the young man passed on to Mr. Finch's and related his adventure.

Capturing an Elk as narrated by Elder S. W. Alden of Monroe: "At length things became dull in the settlement and needed a change. Something new must be had that would do to be talked about—something to make a sensation or a stir. All topics had become old, even the seven pairs of twins that had been so safely numbered with the populace. Freeman Wilcox had killed his huge panther with a club while it was fighting the dogs. Sheffield Wilcox had robbed a panther's nest of its young and brought the 'little varmints,' as he called

them, and put them down in our dooryard for us to play with. The wolves' den had been invaded, the old one killed and the pups (five or six in number) brought and exhibited to us for an hour, before drawing the bounty; and even the ferocious bear's lair was not sacred, he having been compelled to yield his cubs or his life, or both, to satisfy the energy and daring of the men of those times. Well, all of these things became old and commonplace and ceased to be talked about and a sensation was demanded. Uncle Sim Bristol was equal to the emergency. He planned and helped to execute the new and daring feat that would give new tone to conversation for a month. It was to capture a live elk and bring him in as a living witness.

"Moses Miller and Sheffield Wilcox, two veterans, were selected as the right and left hand supporters. Forward was the word and away they went to the deep woods. Once in the herd and the dogs slipped, the fun is fast at once. Those right good old dogs, such as Bose, Bessie, Trim, Tige, Mage, Drive and Brandy—they would now make tramps scarce and burglars law-abiding citizens The hunters were so sanguine of success as to have taken the ropes with them with which to halter-break and bring in his antlership, after learning him a few things. You may suppose that the noble elk was dragged down by the dogs and then roped; not at all. He could not be loaded with dogs enough to down him. The sport had quite a little more of the dangerous about it than the approach of a prostrate and subdued animal. Some sturdy, old male elk, with horns spreading from four to six feet, usually makes a dash among the dogs by way of defiance and to defend the cows and calves that the dogs are barking furiously at and by this means he draws the whole pack around him at once, allowing the rest of his tribe to make good their escape, if indeed they have escaped the rifles that first broke the notes of surprise in their quiet camp. Sometimes this old patriarch would find more of fight than he bargained for and get the worst of the conflict all the way through. This is not a pack of untutored wolves that he is defying, but dogs as true as ever drew blood or kissed the babies' cheeks before the homestead fire. They will do all that their masters expect of them and quit only at the signal of recall.

"The deer when persistently pursued invariably takes to the water. Not so with the elk. He takes to the deepest wilds of the wilderness and the highest peaks of the mountains and the ledges and cliffs that he is aware of and proposes to fight it out on that line. If possible, he will perch himself upon the ledge of some high, precipitous cliff with his heels to the edge of the precipice while his antlers guard his

front, assisted by now and then a shot from the shoulder with his fore-foot, which comes like an arrow at his assailants and often with marked success. He has practiced this kind of fencing for many years in his battles with the wolves that have attempted to carry away or eat up the calves of the herd. When in this, his natural fortress, woe be to the luckless inexperienced hound that attempts to pass his rear and get a nip at his heels or a taste of his hams. One of those dexterous kicks is most likely to disintegrate him from both the cliff and the fight all at once; and if after a fall and tumble of thirty to sixty feet without choice of a spot on which to stop, he ever comes back to the fight again it will be as a wiser dog, if not at the cost of being a cripple for life. Nature has given this noble stag another advantage in the contest that is scarcely ever mentioned in the description of the chase. Like the polecat and the panther the elk can secrete and discharge upon the dogs around him a disheartening fluid that sometimes is of great service to him in holding his enemies at a distance, whether they be dogs or wolves.

"But here he is; in majesty itself and the most inviting specimen of game that has gladdened those hunters' eyes: and now for the capture and securing of the truly noble and worthy prize. The stealthy hunters advance, the dogs, aware of the reinforcements, become more fierce, and the elk with steady nerve parries every snap and despises every bark. He is at bay and in every parry, cut, thrust and kick he leaves no part of his person unguarded. He fights by rule, not heeding the hunters, for they are not barking at him. The stealthy hunters nevertheless advance, one of them taking up his position twenty feet right in front of the quarry, his rifle at the 'ready' covering the game. The other two men have fixed a noose in the middle of the rope, and a man at each end of it, fifteen feet or so apart and they are carefully approaching his front with their rope extending as far as possible to keep them out of reach of his horns. If he charges the rifle must kill him; if he makes a lunge, the noose must catch him, and so goes the fight until the noose of the rope is over his head, or has caught safely his horns, or until he gets his head or horns into it. Not a word is spoken until 'There, we have got him!' 'Hold firm!' 'Call off the dogs!' 'Be quick, Uncle Moses and get your noose on his hind foot!' etc. Right here the stalwart hunter's richest fun just opens in all the plentitude of excitement. The surges, snorts, rears, lunges, falls, laughs and pumps and tears and thumps that the three men and the elk take (about an even thing) are sports that a blooded, good-natured hunter can but enjoy. It would draw a larger crowd than any circus. The dogs are relieved and the hunters are more than delighted.

"Clothes are a consideration never taken into the account any more than the shins. The fight once open, all is absorbed in passing events. The first intimation of any necessity for a clothing store is when the hunter's wife in good nature reminds him of his approach to nudity. No account is taken of time passing; all is devotion to the hunt, the game and success. The elk was brought down the mountain and then to Greenwood and where Monroe now is. Wilcox and Miller walked one on each side of him, close up to him. He had become quite domesticated, except he yet remembered how to kick viciously. He was kept with Uncle Simeon at the still-house to repair damages for several days. Then he was moved up South Branch to Albany to be kept by Uncle Sheffield Wilcox. He became a fine pet but never fully recovered from the bites of the dogs, the bruises and injuries of the fight. He was a fine specimen but he pined away and died as he had lived, 'game.' This was *the first living elk* captured by our hunters."

Unequalled Courage, Girl of 13—In 1778 Rudolph Fox of Towanda removed his family down the river to a place of safety. In 1783 he returned to his old home with four of his children. Reaching it, they found the buildings and stacks of grain which they had left in ashes. A bark-covered cabin was constructed and other preparations made for the return of the family. When ready to return, the daughter, Elizabeth, then 13 years of age, was the only one who would consent to remain. A more heroic undertaking could scarcely be proposed —a young girl on the spot where their buildings had been burned, surrounded by ferocious beasts and liable to be disturbed by savage men, consents to be the sole occupant of the premises for five days—the time supposed to be necessary for the trip. But unexpected trials awaited her. The mother was found to be too ill to be removed and a delay of two weeks was unavoidable. The shrill scream of the panther and howls of the wolf at night added horror to the girl's dreary situation in the wilderness. Both these savage beasts had been heard upon her cabin trying to gain admission. One night as she was lying upon her bed of hemlock boughs asleep, a panther unceremoniously came in through her blanket-door, took the jerked venison from over her head and then left without doing her any harm. Elizabeth kept her post 17 days, when, after eating the last of her provisions and seeing no prospect of relief, set out to meet the family or find a hut where she might procure some food. She had proceeded only a few miles when she discovered the boat with her family slowly ascending the river. The father inquired, "Where are you going?" "To Wilkes-Barre to get something to eat," replied the daughter. She was taken on board and

the family reached home after an absence of five years. Such was the courage of the first pioneer child born in Bradford county.

Thrilling Boyhood Experiences as narrated by Uncle Treat Shoemaker (1902): "In May, 1826, my father, mother and family moved from the central part of Pennsylvania, to the western part of Granville township in this county, which was at that time a dense mass of woods. Here my father settled, erected a hat factory on a small scale and commenced clearing and otherwise improving his property. There were but few neighbors and they were far between. Bears, panthers, wolves and deer were very plentiful. The wolves were not the ferocious ones but quite timid. If they heard us coming through the woods they would skulk behind a tree and peeping out from behind shelter to see what we were doing and if they had a chance they would skip behind a log and then run for dear life. But don't think for a moment we were not afraid of them for we were and didn't go far from home without father or mother or our older brothers; but if we did venture a little ways it didn't take much of a noise for us to imagine it to be a bear or panther and we would take to our heels and run like little tigers.

"The following spring after we settled in the woods, my father and older brothers concluded to tap some large maple trees that were situated about three-fourths of a mile from the house and to that end they built a little cabin and got things real handy and commenced business. The next morning they started out bright and early and of course I was anxious to go too. But father said, 'No you can wait and when mammy gets the dinner ready for us you may bring it down to us.' I didn't fall in with the arrangement very readily but concluded I would have to do as told. I contented myself about the house till mother had the lunches ready. She fried venison, made some fried cakes, some warm biscuits, and with some nice honey gathered from a 'bee tree' a few days before, she told me the dinner was ready for me to start. I took the basket on my arm and started, she telling me to run along as fast as possible as she was afraid the howling of the wolves might frighten me, for they would probably scent the fresh venison and she would listen for me; and father would be listening too, as they were expecting me. I had not gone far before the basket seemed very heavy to me as I was only six years old but quite rugged for my age.

"Nevertheless I hurried along and I had traveled about two-thirds of the distance when I commenced to hear the wolves howl; and it seemed as though they were coming nearer, nearer, and the nearer they seemed the faster I travelled. At last I commenced to cry and of

course couldn't run as fast nor didn't dare look behind. Just as I began to expect to have a wolf jump on my back, I heard my brother shout and looking, there he was just ahead of me in the path and ready to carry my basket. Then I dared to look around and just got a glimpse of a little grey wolf disappearing around a tree, but quite a ways from me so I had been imagining him to be closer than he really was. They had heard the wolves and concluded I was the object of their notice. We started on and it was only a few minutes before we had arrived at the boiling place. The afternoon passed rapidly and it had begun to get real dark when the sap had boiled down to syrup and they had it in the pails ready to start home. By this time the panthers had commenced to prowl around and father and the boys made torches for each of us out of pine knots. Taking their knives and whittling till they had a row of shavings all around them then lighting them, for all wild beasts are afraid of fire. We started, each one moving a torch, when a noise was heard in the bushes, and they would run back, sometimes making quite a noise, others only a slight sound as if afraid of being heard.

"But one animal seemed determined to follow us despite our efforts to frighten it away. It followed in the path about twenty feet behind us. We could see its eyes glaring and a more frightened boy it would be hard to find. I kept as close to father and the boys as possible, waving my torch and 'hollering' but all to no effect. At last father says, 'Old fellow I'll fix you if you don't stay back where you belong,' and he told us all to get a stone and we would try stoning it, but when you want stones, the size you want are not there especially when a wild animal is near you. At last father found one that was of good size and he threw it at it thinking he would hit it in the head, but just about the time for the stone to strike the panther, as it proved to be, sprang aside and gave one of the most unearthly screams I ever heard. I know my hair stood 'on ends,' then father said that it is a panther and a big one too, we will have to keep a pretty good look out for him. By the time we got started he was behind us creeping along as before, but getting closer to us all the time. We kept stones flying most of the time and when we struck him or near him he would jump and give another of his awful screams, but in a moment again we could hear its pit-a-pat, pit-a-pat behind us. We hurried along and in a short time arrived at the house. Mother had been looking for us and stood in the door with a tallow dip in her hand and I tell you it didn't take long for us to get in the house and fasten the door. For a long time we could hear noises around the house and in the morning in damp places around the house

we could see its tracks larger than a man's hand. The same panther killed sheep all summer, but next winter it was caught while feasting on a deer it had killed. Thus ends one day in the life of a boy in 'Ye Olden Times.' "

A Glance Backwards as related by the late James Wilcox of Burlington (1885): "I can remember when the country was literally a howling wilderness, void of roads and mills with but a sparse population. The only road through this section was the one from Burlington to Troy. I helped to cut the State road through from Towanda. There were but three stores in the county, one at Meansville and two at Tioga Point. There were two log school houses in what was known as Burlington. One was at the present location of the old meeting house in West Burlington. This was built of hewed logs and used both for school and religious purposes. The other stood on the hill above the Jos. F. Morley residence. James Braffit built the first framed house about 1804. The lumber was drawn in by ox-teams from Franklin. The kitchen part of Joseph Morley's dwelling is the original framed house. Ezra Goddard's mill stood near where Rockwell's mills now are. It was a saw and grist mill and was erected about 1808 or 10. I can remember when the people went to Wilkes-Barre to mill, going down the river in boats. The first mill in the county was that of John Shepard at Milltown where the first carding mill was erected also. When I came the Indians were all gone except Tom Jack who then lived about half a mile up the creek from Burlington village. His cabin was a sort of frame, composed of crotched sticks driven into the ground with cross-beams and covered with bark. The families living in East Burlington at this time were the Campbells, James Braffit, Levi Soper, Derrick Miller, John T. Clark and David Ross.

"The summer of 1812 was a wet and cold one and each summer grew more so until 1816, when that capped the climax. We had a very heavy frost every month of that year and we all came near starving. The spring of 1817 was the trying one for the pioneers. The children cried for bread, but their hunger could not be satisfied. In one instance, I remember after the mother had listened to the pitiful cries of her little ones, she finally thought of the bran she had used in making a pin cushion. This she tore open, took out the bran and made bread for her starving children. A man by the name of Nelson came in from the East and brought with him a negro slave. It was in those trying times when provisions were very scarce. Mr. Nelson had planted some potatoes, and the negro was so nearly starved that in the evening he dug up a portion of them and roasted them, eating so many

that he became sick and died. I have heard the Ballard boys say that after they came to Burlington for a period of six weeks the only subsistence they had for food was beech leaves prepared without salt.

"In those early times farmers' tools were few and rude. Forks, plow-shares, etc., were made by blacksmiths. More than once have I carried the plow-share to Deacon Calkins's at West Burlington to be sharpened. My manner of transporting this tool was by placing it in one end of a bag which was thrown across my back with a stone in the other end to make the load balance. The first cast-steel axe I ever saw I purchased. I cut 100 logs for it, cutting them with the axe after which I sold it for 100 feet of pine boards and a bushel of wheat. The greater part of Burlington was heavily timbered with the handsomest pines and for many years the lumbering business seemed to absorb all others. The improvements were very slow, indeed, until lumbering was done away with."

Life in the Wilderness—During the survey of Orwell in 1796, Zenas Cook and Truman Johnson were caught in a severe snowstorm, so far from their cabin that they could not reach it that night. They had one axe and one overcoat between them, and while one chopped to keep from freezing the other wore the garment, and thus they alternated during the night.

When Asahel Johnson settled in Orwell his nearest neighbor was Mr. Mesusan, four miles distant. He came in with his wife and three or four small children, the eldest but seven years of age. His only stock was a cow, which he bought of his neighbor, Mesusan, and which was inclined to return to its former home at every opportunity. Mr. Johnson was compelled to go to Sheshequin to work to obtain grain for his family supplies, during which time his family remained alone, Mrs. Johnson taking care of the cow and her children. On one of these trips Mr. Johnson was delayed past his usual time of returning, and Mrs. Johnson in attempting to replenish her depleted wood-pile, cut her foot severely, and for some time it bled profusely despite all her efforts to stanch the flow. She became alarmed, and fearing she would bleed to death, instructed the children, in case she did not succeed in stanching the wound, to bind the bloody clothes about the cow's head and turn her loose, hoping she would make her way to her old home, and so alarm the neighbor and bring relief. Happily, she succeeded in stopping the flow of blood, but was disabled for many weeks. During this time the house caught fire, but the children extinguished it. Mr. Johnson, possessed of a fear that something had happened, hastened home, finding his wife crippled and the family out of provisons and wood.

Exciting Hunting Scenes—On an August afternoon, when "Old Monroe" was young, William and Nathan Northrup, celebrated hunters, were watching a deer lick when the latter seeing a large buck advancing fired at it. The animal dropped and he supposed it dead. But as he was about to use his hunting knife the animal galvanized into life and sprang to its feet. William grabbed the animal by the horns but had no sooner than done so when the animal's antlers caught his tough doe-skin pants and almost completely undressed him. However, he hung on and was carried several rods at a rapid rate before the frightened animal could dislodge him and make its escape. He frequently clinched a deer and generally got his game. More than once, like Nathan, he was chased by a bear and only escaped by taking to his heels. In all of his encounters and adventures he escaped uninjured. Nathan's best record was seven deer in a day, five of which were shot without moving out of his tracks, and in another five elk, all being killed without changing his position.

A Successful Morning Hunter—One of the pioneers who settled in the wilderness on the Sheshequin hills was Isaac S. Horton. He was remarkably successful with his gun. Frequently taking his rifle and going into the woods not far from his house he would knock down a deer or two and return home by breakfast time. One morning in June he took his gun and went into the woods about half a mile from his home, when a fine buck appeared before him and down he went. While reloading his gun he heard a wolf howl and going a little further he brought him down also. On returning to the place where he shot the deer, behold a huge panther had taken possession of the buck and was regaling himself by licking up the blood and preparing to feast upon the carcass. He stood still for some minutes, thinking it rather cruel to kill him before he had a chance to take his fill of his much coveted food. But at length the panther saw him and showed signs of fight, and he then put a ball through his brains. On going home for his team, he found he had been absent only a little over an hour.

The Nimrod of Albany—Sheffield Wilcox, Jr., one of the Albany pioneers, was indeed a great nimrod and undoubtedly killed more panthers and bears than any other man in the county. He sought to destroy the terror of the northern woods for two reasons—to secure the $8.00 bounty and rid the country of an animal that was destroying the sheep and other stock. Sheep had to be confined in a yard at night and even then they were not sufficiently protected. One night, in Mr. Wilcox's absence from home, a panther entered the pen within a few feet of the house, killed a sheep, ate what he wanted of the carcass and

left the remainder. The next morning on Mr. Wilcox's return, he and his brother, Freeman, took their rifles and dogs and started in pursuit of the depredator, which they discovered about a mile from the house and soon dispatched him. One day when hunting deer on Hatch Hill, Mr. Wilcox saw through the brush what he supposed to be a deer and fired. A little twig threw the bullet out of its course and the game ran off, but as it did so he saw by its movement that it was a panther. Luckily he had his panther dog with him which soon run the animal up a tree, whence he was dispatched with a rifle ball. Taking his back track, Mr. Wilcox finally found a second and third panther and succeeded in killing them both. They were full grown and were captured within a space of two hours. However, Mr. Wilcox was not always so fortunate as these ferocious beasts sometimes turned the tables on him and put to the test his stragetic skill in making his escape. He is said to have killed over two hundred bears and many hundred deer. When in search of the latter he did "still-hunting." During the greater part of his hunting he used a "flint-lock." His equipments consisted of an ammunition pouch, powder horn, hunting knife and sometimes a tomahawk. When on a couple of days' trip he would carry a sack filled with provisions. He generally hunted bears and panthers in company with others and always had his dogs when after such game.

Skulker in Bear Fight—It was not long after the Irvines had settled the eastern hills of Monroe, Welch Irvine and James Rippey were working for George Irvine. Hearing the dog set up an earnest barking—signifying that game of importance was at hand—George with his gun, accompanied by the other two men, hastened to the spot of interest. Up a large pine, Bruin was unmindful of the oncoming storm. George levelled "Old Trusty" on the animal and invited him down with the touch of the finger. When the gun spoke the bear tumbled to the ground, but not dead. The faithful canine sprung upon him and an encounter ensued in which Bruin was likely to get the best of it. Welch with a cane in hand put to the rescue, while George reloaded as quickly as possible. Welch's blows not proving effective with his light cudgel and George not being able to shoot again in fear of wounding the dog, he picked up a pine knot and dealt the animal several lusty blows which ended his bearship. After the battle had been fairly ended, Rippey was looked for. He had decided early in the contest that "discretion was the better part of valor," and was found up a tree, far out of harm's way.

When Bradford county was a great wilderness with ferocious wild beasts on every side, it is indeed most remarkable that neither man, woman nor child was killed by them. With the pioneer's faithful friend, the dog, that kept watch and generally fought the battles, fate was frequently against him. Many times he went down before a more powerful foe or lost his life by being overwhelmed in numbers. The following as related by the late Ira Ballard, of Pisgah, will illustrate: "Wolves in great numbers used to gather around our log cabin at night and make us almost frantic with their terrible howls. One evening we let the dog out on them and all we saw of him afterwards was a couple of ears and a few picked bones."

Venomous reptiles were quite as much dreaded by the pioneers as the wild beasts. Rattlesnakes were especially numerous in some localities. Persons and cattle were frequently bitten by them, death sometimes resulting. Snake hunts were instituted to locate the dens and destroy these pests. Often their hiding places, usually among the rocks, were found and snakes killed by the hundred. In most localities with the improvement of the country, rattlesnakes have been exterminated.

One morning, as Josiah Cranmer of Monroe, was in search of his cows, his dog treed a young panther. The animal wishing to change his position or fall upon the dog, made one mighty spring and landed upon the ground. The dog seized him and a struggle for life ensued. At this juncture Mr. Cranmer came up with a club and ended the contest in favor of his watchful companion.

The late Myron Kellogg of Monroe relates that in one one of his early courting experiences, as he was returning from Overton late at night, a pack of wolves struck his track and soon made the woods ring with their hideous howls. He hastened as fast as possible, the wolves pursuing and gaining. The race was growing more exciting every minute, which seemed almost hours, but he finally reached the John Heverly place first and was secure. Mr. Kellogg concluded by saying this was the last pleasure trip he made to Overton after night.

David Watkins, one of the pioneers of Columbia, frequently carried a bag of wheat on his back to the mill in Sheshequin, a distance of 20 miles, bringing the flour home in the same way for want of a horse to do the porterage.

Mercy, daughter of Thomas Keeney of Wilmot, like her mother was a woman of great resolution and courage. It is related that on one occasion a party of men had driven a panther up a tree and no one of them dare stay alone to watch the beast while the others went for guns. Mercy, although but 16 years old at this time, volunteered to remain and did so while two men went more than a mile for the fire-arms with which the panther was dispatched.

It is related that in 1802 the late Henry Russell of Windham, then 15 years of age, was sent to mill with Josiah Grant to get two bushels of wheat ground. They traveled 262 miles over paths only indicated by blazed trees to obtain the flour needed. At another time he took a small grist in a canoe from Nichols to Lackawanna, now Pittston, poling the canoe down and back over 200 miles.

Charlotte Ormsby, daughter of Freeman Wilcox, a pioneer of Albany, says (1885): "I have plowed, sowed grain and reaped for days. One season I put out a piece of flax. I plowed the ground, harrowed it, sowed it, pulled the flax, broke it, hatcheled it, spun and wove it. I learned the art of making shoes and not only repaired and made new work for my own family but met the wants of the neighborhood in this line. Tapping men's boots was not a difficult task. I have gone visiting on horseback without bridle or saddle and taken three of the children with me."

Henry Northrup of Monroe, coming home from Muncy on foot, saw where something had been killing sheep. His dogs soon treed an enormous catamount. Approaching the spot and having no other weapon, he cast a stone at the creature. With a scream of rage, the savage brute sprang for his face. He met it with a kick in the open mouth which gave the cat a set-back. The struggle that ensued was a lively one but finally resulted in the death of the catamount which showed fight till the very last.

The late Alexander Lane of Burlington was an itinerant preacher for many years. He says (1885): "I not only preached in the log school house and private dwellings but I have called the people together in barns and shingle cabins. I began my ministerial duties at the age of 18 years. I have preached in various parts of the county and in the States of Maryland and New Jersey. The first year I was on the circuit I received a salary of $40 and the second year $110, the discipline

allowing no more. It generally took a number of weeks to make the rounds when we would go over the circuit again. Once a young couple came to be married, and after some questions I concluded to do the job. Having tied the knot the young fellow expressed his gratitude and handed me 25 cents, all the money he had. Not many hours after they had departed, Squire Soper came to visit me, informing me that the girl's father had been to him and wished to have a warrant issued for my arrest. The Squire prevailed upon him to wait and that he could make it all right between us. Accordingly, in the evening we visited the angry father and after having flattered his vanity sufficiently, we got a compromise by paying him a dollar."

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The following was related by the late William Tracy of Springfield (1885): "When I was a boy it was common for everybody to drink whisky. Not only men, boys and women, but even ministers thought as much of taking their bitters as they did their meals. On one occasion when Brother J was making his pastoral calls, he stopped at our house just before noon with the announcement that he would stay with us during the night. Of course we boys were glad to see him as the table always furnished the best the house could afford together with an extra supply of whisky when he was visiting us. On this occasion we were nearly out of liquor, so mother hastened one of the boys to the field where father was informing him that Brother J had come and that there was but a pint of whisky in the house. 'That will do for dinner.' 'Yes, but Brother J is going to stay all night.' 'Take the horse and bag and go to —— and borrow a gallon of whisky, but be sure and keep the snout of the jug up so that the cob will not come out.' The bag was thrown across the animal's back with the stone in the one end and the jug in the other. The whisky was obtained and the evening pleasantly spent in the way of years ago."

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The Husking Bee—"In early times social life was all aglow and sometimes fun was fast and furious—the quiltings, raisings, logging-bees, apple-cuts and times of neighborhood gatherings were times of great social and convivial talkativeness, song and merriment. The husking had decidedly my boyish preference, because of its surroundings and the usual accompaniments of the occasion. Here is the husking bee of olden times:

"The corn was stripped from the stalks and hauled by loads out upon a clean grass second growth meadow and there piled in a row three or four feet high, six or seven feet across the base and from

twenty to thirty rods long and all prepared for an evening bee. The whole male population of the neighborhood were invited and usually all attended if the evening was fine. Adjacent to the pile of corn was a dry pine stub standing about 25 feet high, rich in fat pitchy streaks and looked for all the world as if it had stood there on its four-foot base for fifty years in anxious expectancy of just this occasion. At dusk fire is communicated to the top of the stub and a beautiful light beams forth in full harmony with the evening's pastime. The owner of the pile of corn takes his seat, as soon as he has made husks to sit on, husks his corn and throws it over to the pile in front of him and all the neighbors come and do as he is doing.

"Soon the pile is strung with busy men from end to end, each man full of talk, the news of the day, deaths, births, marriages, thefts, politics, crops, prices of grain, goods and land, the abundance of game, the success of the recent hunt and the probability of the next wedding. But hark! hear those ears of corn fall on the pile over in front. A perfect storm, a bushel a minute is a small estimate, now, say five bushels and we would be nearer the mark. Hands work, corn flies and tongues move, time speeds and the work is being done with a will. Half an hour has passed when the voice of the gray-haired veteran owner of the corn rings out in a stentorian sound, 'boys, the jug, the jug, pass that jug,' and in a moment the jug is started; handed along from hand to hand and from mouth to mouth along the entire pile, until each man has taken a moderate sip of the pure 'old rye,' just from the still-house, and no corn in it in those days. This was repeated every half hour through the entire evening, and yet they did not get drunk but just had plenty.

"How beautifully the stub burned and how fast time flew! I hear a voice calling for a song, a song, and in a moment a clear musical voice rings out upon the evening atmosphere, far surpassing many of our modern operatic performances, while all listen and husk. It seems to me as if I could almost hear them now, as they sung, each man his favorite piece, such as 'Barbara Allen,' 'Kate and the Cow's Hide,' 'Battle of Lake Champlain,' 'Perry's Victory,' 'The Jolly Plow Boy,' and sometimes 'Old Hundred' would be sung with a zest that showed that devotion was not at all left behind by the puritanic mass. Now finally as a closing song we will hear them sing the battle and victory of New Orleans. Hear it:

General Jackson on such occasions lucky;
Soon round the General flocked,
With rifles ready cocked
The hunters of old Kentucky.

CHORUS:

Every man was half a horn and half an alligator.

"This would generally bring down the whole field with shouts and yells in perfect keeping with the old Jacksonian times. Storm after storm of applause either to the song or the General, it made no difference the people felt patriotic and must find vent in some direction. Shout they would and shout they did to their heart's utmost satisfaction. It is now ten o'clock or a trifle later, when it is announced that the corn is husked and all the men rise up, repair to the brilliant light around the remaining stump of the stub and take a good finishing imbibe from the old stone jug. Here a few wrestling matches are enjoyed where some of the young experts try their skill to the mirth and merriment of all.

"Just about here the old veteran of crops and field, steps to the front with hat in hand, his iron-grey locks shining in the light of the stub, and in a moment all is still. He thanks all for their presence and help, hopes soon to have an opportunity to reciprocate the favor, assures them, one and all, that he will not be slow to respond to an invitation of the kind and concludes his truly native eloquence by inviting all men and boys forthwith to his house for some refreshments, 'come boys, come all.'

"At the house: it was a large double log-house in those days, and a place of comfort, quietude and repose. The luxuries of life was dispensed with while the necessaries were fully enjoyed. The old fashioned fire-place, large and ample, with its maplewood fire, dispensing both light and heat; the cheerful and tidy appearance of all within, told plainly of days of sturdy integrity, industry and thrift. The matron of the house with her daughters had anticipated the occasion fully, all was in readiness, cheerfulness and moderate quietude; that well starched cap on the mother's head, those nice white, clean aprons worn by the daughters as well as the tables loaded with the substantial cookery, all told of the times, the occasion and a good hearty welcome.

"All are invited to eat as there are passed around doughnuts, apple pies, pumpkin pies, berry pies, cheese and cider almost new. All eat as if they had not devoured anything before for days. See that boy in the act of craming a large piece of pumpkin pie into his mouth until he has daubed both his nose and chin and appears to wish that his mouth and throat were both larger. Oh, those delicious pies, the cakes would almost melt in your mouth. Why can not our wives and daughters make such pies and cakes? Is it because we have lost our boyish taste and avidity? I guess that it must be so. The old men told their best stories; another song was sung, all were pleased and went home feeling fine."—*As described by the late Elder S. W. Alden of Monroe.*

Rural Superstitions—That superstition exerts a powerful influence over the affairs of mankind may be ascertained by a residence in almost any rural community in the country. It cannot be said that only the ignorant and uncouth classes give credence to dark sayings. There are thousands of persons who do unacknowledged service to the mysterious and unknown, whose training and education have not succeeded in entirely destroying the effect of potencies and charms learned and believed in youth. Especially is this true if the individual be Southern born, for the association and influence of darkies may not be dismissed at a word, and there is no more superstitious class than the Southern negro.

It is remarkable how generally superstitious sayings have spread over the country. No section may claim to be above harboring such beliefs, or rather practices; for it may not be claimed that all believe in the efficacy who practice and observe certain forms or take cognizance of defined circumstance. Nevertheless, there are, as a matter of fact, few persons who care to pass a pin lying on the ground if the point chances to be toward them. Almost invariably that pin will be picked up.

How many persons will confess to a weakness for seeing the new moon over their right shoulder unobscured by any bushy tree top? A greater number will deny belief in the efficacy who will at the same time confess that they would rather see the moon "right." This remarkable superstition prevails in all parts of the world. Its very universality almost compels belief in its potency.

If one would learn the popular superstitions of any community he must have been reared among the people, for if a stranger were to ask for a list of superstitions prevailing in any one place it is possible that no person could recall or make a list of them. They crop out under suitable circumstances and as occasion calls for their observance.

Below are some of the common sayings in a community made up of descendants of Pennsylvania Dutch who settled in the Keystone State shortly after the colony was originated:

If in washing the dishes or in cleaning the table before a meal the cook drops a dishrag some one is coming hungry.

If the dishrag is dropped while washing the dishes after a meal "some slut is coming, if she is not already there."

The crowing of a rooster before the front door early in the morning foretells the visit of a stranger.

If a red bird flits about the yard and chirps merrily a young girl, gayly dressed and light hearted, may be expected soon.

The crowing of a rooster in the night is a sign of hasty news. Thus, many a rooster, by a single crow, has cast a gloom over an entire family.

The howling of a dog at night foretells some dire calamity, such as a tragic death.

The screaming of a screech owl three nights in succession in or about the front yard is a sign that some one in the house is in danger of death. To cause the owl to leave, stick the shovel in the fire.

The crowing of a chicken hen portends bad luck. It always results in the death of the hen without delay, for no good woman would allow a crowing hen to live longer than it takes to cut off its head.

In ironing a garment if the smoothing-iron is dropped the owner of the garment will never live to wear it out.

Friday is an unlucky day. If a piece of work is begun on that day it will not prosper and possibly the one who begins it will not live to finish it. It probably is true that not ten women out of every hundred can be found who would as willingly start a garment on Friday as on some other day.

If the individuals of a hunting party, in crossing a fence, go over the same section luck will be good, but if several sections be crossed the hunt will be a failure.

If in strolling two persons go on opposite sides of a tree, one or both of them will meet disappointment before the day is over.

Looking at a new moon for the first time through obstructions, as through a treetop, foretells misfortunes during that moon. To see it over the right shoulder and in a clear space brings good luck.

The rabbit always carries omens of ill fortune. If you meet him going from home you may look for trouble before you return; if going toward home there will be trouble in your family.

Ashes must not be taken from a fireplace in a sickroom. The death of the patient would follow. Nor must the bed of a sick person be turned over. It is actually true that this last provision is believed and actually followed in numberless homes where wealth and culture abound.

No one ever saw a negro meet a corpse. The most courageous darky will go out of his way or turn back on his path rather than encounter such a calamity. It is said that if you meet a corpse your turn will come next. If the corpse is stopped on the way to the grave another member of the family will soon follow.

Kraut must be made in the dark of the moon if it is to be sour.

It is the height of folly to cut a child's fingernails before it is a year old, for then it will pilfer and steal. The nails must be broken and bitten off.

Potatoes and all roots must be planted in the dark of the moon,

when it is decreasing or going down in size; likewise, crops that grow above ground must be planted in the light or increase of the moon.

Hogs must be butchered when the moon is increasing, otherwise the meat will shrivel up and fry away in cooking.

A family must never move except in the light, or increase of the moon. This will secure prosperity and increase of possessions. They will grow as the moon grows. This is another superstition that is in almost general practice in all classes of society.

If a child is allowed to look in a mirror before it is a year old teething will be difficult. If a coffin containing a corpse be placed so that it is reflected in a mirror there will be another death in that family inside a year.

The tying of a small sack containing the forefeet of a ground mole assures a full set of pretty teeth. If in teething the child's gums are sore it may be cured by rubbing the gums with rabbit brains hot from the head. Both of these remedies are too commonly practiced to excite comment among the people who observe such things.

To remove a wart from the body steal a piece of bacon, rub the wart with it and then bury it under the eaves. Say nothing about this and the wart will soon disappear. The writer removed a number of warts from his own hands when a boy by doing this.

A stray black cat in the backyard foretells good luck.

If a woman is making soap and a man stirs it, all will be well and the soap will be fine, but if a woman comes the soap will spoil in the making.

If you sing in bed you will cry next day. If you sing before breakfast you will cry before night.

If you want a cat to stay at your home, rub its paw on the stove.

To keep a new dog, measure his tail with a cornstalk and bury the latter under the front step.

If you sleep with your feet toward the door you will soon be carried out a corpse.

If an infant is puny and does not grow satisfactory it must be measured for the "undergrowth." A "pow-wow" doctor, usually a woman, will strip the child, measure it with a string the same color as its hair, say some "words," bury the string in a secret place and repeat the performance three times. The child will get well. There are dozens of children in a certain Dutch community that were measured in this way and are now pointed to as examples and proof of the efficacy of the method.

In setting out fruit trees a woman must hold the tree while a man sets it and tamps the dirt about its roots. This makes it a sure bearer. This also is practiced in numberless communities.

To kill a toad will cause the cow to give bloody milk.

Other Pioneer and Patriot Families.

1800--1825.

STEPHEN EVITTS, one of the pioneers of Pike, came thereto soon after 1800 locating in the Stevens neighborhood. "He was a man of energy and did his full share in clearing up the wilderness." In May, 1827, while attending a training in Orwell, Nathaniel Platt struck him with a stone, causing his death. He left three sons, Ebenezer, Ralph B. and Harman and a daughter who married a Mr. Bostwick. *Ebenezer* married Hannah, daughter of Joseph Bosworth, lived and died in Pike. *Ralph B.* settled in Lee county, Illinois, where he was one of the pioneers. *Harman* lost his mind and died at Danville.

Chaffee is of English origin, the first of that name coming to America in 1635. Members of different branches of the family settled in Bradford county. Luther located in Orwell, John, Solomon, Comfort, Dexter, Noah, Daniel and Wilder in Warren and Sullivan in Sheshequin.

Luther Chaffee came from Connecticut to Orwell in or before 1812 and there followed farming and carpentering until his death, 1856, at the age of 69 years. His first wife was Amy Browning by whom he had children, Albert, Samuel, Louis, Eliza, Fanny, Dwight, Ezra, Henry, Cordelia, Andrew, Leander and Olive. He married 2nd, Julia Watterman of North Haven, Conn. Their children were Edward B., Alice E. and Isabell S. (Mrs. Edwin H. Johnson). Alice and Isabell are the only children living. Mrs. Julia Chaffee, b March 4, 1810, died April 20, 1895, in Sayre.

John Chaffee came to Warren a single man in 1818 and there resided until his death in 1857, being survived by his wife, Fanny, and children, William I., John, Matthew, Jesse M., Abigail M. Hix, Susan, Fanny Dimon, Dexter N., George N. and Charles A.

Comfort B. Chaffee and his brother, Solomon, came from Connecticut to Warren in 1819. Solomon afterwards went to Wisconsin and died there. Comfort, born Nov. 10, 1796, married, Nov. 22, 1818,

Docia, daughter of Wm. Sexton; died March 28, 1878, in Orwell. Their children and marriages follow: *Sarah Jane* to Reuben Easterbrook, Orwell; *Jarvis S.* to Maria Frost, Orwell; *Nathaniel B.* to Tamer Warner, LeRaysville; *Ruth Sophia* to Oliver Warner, LeRaysville; *William D.* to Mary Upson, Potterville; *Docia A.* to Marcus E. Warner; *Solomon A.* to Savannah Dunlap, Meshoppen; *Comfort J.* to Emily McQuery, Warren; *Tamsin M.* to Alva Rogers, Warren.

Noah Chaffee, a soldier of the War of 1812 and son of Ephraim and Elizabeth Chaffee, came from Rhode Island to Warren in 1819. His grandfather, Nathaniel Chaffee, served in the Revolutionary war; enlisted April 19, 1775, serving seven days as a private in Capt. John Lyon's company; subsequently served three enlistments, altogether 9 months and 23 days; discharged July 1, 1779; was at the battle of Lexington. He was the father of twelve children. Noah, born February 22, 1780, at Seekonk, R. I., married Catherine Draper, died April 30, 1869, in Warren; she, born Jany. 14, 1780, died March 28, 1866. After coming to Warren, Mr. Chaffee was farmer and blacksmith. His children were Orvilla, Samuel B., Albert, Anna, Catherine, Almira and Elsie.

Orvilla married Amy Lyon and they were the parents of eleven children, followed farming and died, 1888 in his 86th year; she died, 1883 in her 75th year.

Samuel B., b Nov. 29, 1808, died Oct. 4, 1888 in Warren; married 1st, Oct. 22, 1831, Maria Buffington and had children, Mary E., Martha, Cornelia E., Rufus A., Asenath A.; married 2nd, July 9, 1846, Betsey L. Pendleton and had Cordis M.

Albert married Julia Ward of Warren.

Anna married Samuel McQuery of Warren.

Catherine married Albert Prince of Warren.

Almira married John Chubbuck of Orwell.

Elsie married Job Depew of Orwell.

Dexter Chaffee came to Warren in 1819 but does not appear to have settled permanently. He was of the same family as John and Daniel.

Daniel Chaffee settled in Warren before 1825. Here he continued to reside until his death, 1875. His family consisted of his wife, Lydia and children, Daniel, Jr., Olive Ann, Lavania Tyrrel, Dexter, Preserved B , Laminda B. and Maria F. Pease.

Wilder Chaffee removed with his family from Bristol county, Mass., to Warren in 1832. He was a machinist by trade but pursued farming after coming to the county. His wife was Sabrina Bowen.

Both died in Warren, the former in 1864, aged 68 and the latter in 1889, aged 88 years. Their children were Wilder B., Horace B., William P., Maria E. (Mrs. Geo. Harrington) and Lucy E.

Sullivan Chaffee, a soldier of the War of 1812, removed with his family from Greene county, N. Y., to Sheshequin in 1839. He married Catherine G. Deyeo. The former died in 1846 in his 61st year and the latter in 1861, aged 69 years. Their children were Charles, John, Elizabeth (1st Mrs. W. W. Kinney, 2nd Mrs. David Barnes), George, Matilda (Mrs. Geo. Smith), Rhoda (Mrs. Daniel Horton), Harriet (Mrs. Eleazer Horton), Abigail (Mrs. Harry Smith), Juliette, Sidney and Sally Maria (Mrs. Lewis Horton).

Ansel Tillotson, a native of Connecticut, located in LeRoy in or before 1818 where he engaged in farming and blacksmithing. He married Anna, daughter of Abraham Parkhurst (p 271); died 1872 in LeRoy. Their children and marriages follow: *William* to Mary Wilcox, LeRoy; *Philetus* to Lovina Hoagland, Fox, Sullivan Co.; *Mary Ann* to Lewis Wilcox, LeRoy; *Jerusha Caroline* to Lewis Wilcox, being 2nd wife; *Rhoda Rowena* to LeRoy Holcomb, LeRoy; *Eliza* to Benjamin Joseph Hoagland, LeRoy; *Ansel* to Sallie Smith, LeRoy.

James Martin, a native of Rhode Island, born July 13, 1787, removed to Halifax, Vt., where, 1809, he married Lydia Bullock, sister of Dr. Darius Bullock (p 153). In 1820 Mr. Martin purchased a farm on the line between Smithfield and Springfield and came with his family from Halifax to the latter township. Here he lived and engaged in farming until his death, March 13, 1868. He was a man who exercised a splendid influence in the community and reared a notable family. His wife, b Sept. 20, 1789, died August 9, 1844. Their children were Eliza, Susan A., Hariette Maria, James F., Darius Bullock, Stephen Henry, Albert William, Simeon (died in infancy), Mary Ellen, Edward Orlando and Charles Cyril. Hariette M., Darius B. and Edward O. died unmarried.

Eliza married Harry L. Bird of Smithfield.

Susan A. married Elijah Selden Tracy of Smithfield.

James F. married Cordelia Meeker of Potter Co.

Stephen H. married Alice Barnhart.

Albert W. married Emorette Hale, Smithfield,

Mary E. married Hollis Hale.

Charles C. married Mary A. Read of Troy, N. Y. He became one of the most celebrated engineers of the country and directed the entire construction of the great East River or Brooklyn bridge—one of the most remarkable pieces of mechanical skill and ingenuity of the cen-

tury. After having graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute he filled many important positions as a civil engineer, his crowning achievement being the Brooklyn bridge, whose superintendent he was many years after its completion. Mr. Martin died a few years ago in New York city at the age of 72 years.

The Pomeroys have traced their ancestry to the time of William the Conqueror. Eltweed Pomeroy came from England in 1630 first settling at Dorchester, Mass., and later in Windsor, Conn. He was the father of Joseph, who had a son Noah, who was the father of Daniel; Daniel married Naomi Kibbs and had a son Eleazer who married Priscilla Kingsbury. Two of the sons of the latter were Isaac N. and Ebenezer who settled in Troy, Bradford county.

Isaac N. Pomeroy was born March 28, 1791, at Coventry, Tolland county, Conn. In 1818 he came to Troy and in company with his brother, Ebenezer, engaged in the manufacture of cloth which he followed very successfully for ten years. He farmed ten years and then purchased the Eagle hotel, a celebrated hostelry, which he conducted twenty years. He was extensively connected for many years with staging and bridge building. He invested largely in village property, imparting by means of his excellent business talents and liberality, a stimulus to Troy that will long be gratefully remembered. He took an active interest in military affairs and was promoted to the rank of colonel. "Colonel Pomeroy was very sociable and fond of jokes. The old settlers speak of his stories and anecdotes as being racy and spiced with a plentiful amount of wit and humor. Few men have left the impress of their lives and characters upon the community where they resided more forcibly and indelibly than he, or have been more just in their business transactions." His death occurred May 30, 1861, at Troy. Colonel Pomeroy married first, Dec. 8, 1813, Anna O. Kingsbury and had children, Sibyl K., Daniel F., Eleazer, Horace, Samuel W., Laura A. and Charlotte Eliza (Mrs. Chas. C. Paine); married second, March 17, 1832, Maria A. Merrick unto whom were born Newton M. and Anna M.; married third, Oct. 9, 1839, Lucinda W. Merrick, their children being Solomon, Henrietta B. (Mrs. Geo. B. Davidson) and George H.

Ebenezer Pomeroy, brother of Isaac N., also came to Troy in 1818. For a number of years in company with his brother he conducted the carding and cloth dressing works near Long's mills. He afterwards purchased land in the vicinity which he cleared and improved and occupied until his death in 1867 at the age of 73 years. His wife was Laura Brewster by whom he had ten children: Edwin S., Emily

(Mrs. Volney M. Long), Kingsbury, Fayette, Augustus, Chauncey N., Sibyl M. (Mrs. E. B. Parsons), Mary, Frances (Mrs. W. B. Hoff) and C. Burton.

Lyon—Dr. Daniel Lyon practiced medicine in Chenango county, N. Y. He married Elizabeth Noble and had children, Daniel, Truxton, Randolph, Marcus, Sally (Mrs. Sherman Havens), Cynthia (Mrs. Isaac Huyck) and Laura (Mrs. Ross). Dr. Lyon was accidentally drowned in 1808. The family moved to Monroe in 1821 where Mrs. Lyon died in 1851, aged 76 years.

Daniel, born Sept. 22, 1794, at Oxford, N. Y., came to Monroe in 1821 to ply his trade of millwright and bridge-builder. He was an expert mechanic and put up many of the best mills and bridges in this section of country. He was a talented musician, not only the chief violinist at the parties when old Monroe was young but could play the fife and flute well. Taking an active interest in military affairs he was commissioned captain and known as Captain Lyon in his last years. He died upon his farm in Monroe, 1849. Captain Lyon married Eliza Lewis (b Oct. 17, 1799, died 1852) of Tioga county, N. Y. Their children and marriages follow: *Sophia* to Orlando N. Salisbury; *Eugenia* to George Smith; *Eliza* to Wm. B. Dodge; *Otis P.* to Loretta Lawrence; *Samuel* to Eliza Dodge; *Daniel* to Ella Salisbury; *Theodore B.* to Eliza Northrup; *Augusta* to Orson A. Baldwin.

Truxton came to Monroe, 1821, and for some years engaged in the carding and fulling business. He afterwards went West, made money, became a member of the State legislature, but lost his life and property during the Civil War. He had married Olive, daughter of Benjamin Lewis. Their children were Dr. Randolph, William, James W. and Cordelia (Mrs. J. L. Rockwell). Mrs. Lewis married for her second husband Josiah Haines and had children, Ward, George B. and Oscar.

Thomas Lewis, a native of Lebanon county, who was a cabinet maker, located in Monroe, 1822. He established himself on the South Branch and supplied the people for miles around with spinning-wheels, chairs and bedsteads. He pursued this vocation until old age and was popularly known as "Uncle Tommy." His death occurred Jany. 27, 1854, aged 74 years. He married Charlotte Hugnes who died Nov. 27, 1850, in her 73rd year. Their children were Mary (Mrs. Joseph Brown), Robert, Charlotte, Margaret (Mrs. James DeWitt), James H., Joseph, Moses M., Nancy (Mrs. John Edsall) and Ellen.

Libeus Marcy, a native of Connecticut, born June 19, 1793, came to Monroe in 1822. For a number of years he engaged in lumbering then gave attention to the improvement of his farm. He was true

hearted, noted for his industry and honesty and in every respect a worthful citizen. His demise occurred Feby. 28, 1877. He married first, Lucy, daughter of Solomon Keeler, and had a son, Charles. His second wife was Mary, daughter of Peter Edsall; she, b Feby. 6, 1799, died Nov. 2, 1875. Their children were Lyman, Moses M., Eliza J. (Mrs. Lewis Botree), Hiram, Solon and Vinson. The three last named were soldiers in the Civil War.

Judah Benjamin, a shoemaker by occupation, who had served in the Revolutionary war, came with the first settlers to Wyalusing. After some years he moved to Pike township where he purchased a piece of land, which he and his wife, Susannah, in 1829 deeded to Gould H. Lewis. Mr. Benjamin was a pensioner but when and where he died we are not informed. We conjecture that his last days were spent in either Herrick or Orwell. He had a daughter, Polly, who married Ephraim Platt. Edwin and Isaac Benjamin of Orwell evidently were of his family.

Goodenough is of English origin. Ithamar Goodenough was commissioned a lieutenant in the American army but commanded a company under Col. Benjamin Ruggles Woodbridge in the 25th regiment of foot in the Continental army, 1775, and was at the taking of Burgoyne. He died at Guilford, Vt., at the age of 63. His son Artemas married Margaret Magoon and settled in Brookfield, N. Y., where both died, the former at the age of 84 and the latter at 90 years. They had four children, Artemas, Eliza, Jared Downing and Asenath.

Jared Downing Goodenough was born March 7, 1792, at Guilford, Vt. From 1817 to 1822 he was in the employ of the North American Fur Company with headquarters at St. Louis. He made frequent trips by boat up the Illinois river, purchasing furs and skins of the Indians, whose language he acquired and spoke it fluently. On account of fever and ague he was compelled to return East. He remained for a time at Oxford, N. Y., whence he came to Towanda in 1824. His trade was that of saddler and harness maker in which line of business and general merchandising he engaged many years after locating in Towanda. He was a justice of the peace 17 years and always an active and enterprising citizen, doing whatever he might to enhance the growth and prosperity of the village. His death occurred Jany 6, 1874. In 1825 Mr. Goodenough married Sibyl, daughter of Daniel Brown of Wyalusing. She survived her husband a dozen years, dying at the age of 83. Their children were Emeline (Mrs. Isaac Lamoreaux), Ida (Mrs. Arthur Peterson), Charles, Henry, Noble (died in boyhood) and *Orrin D.* who was a very clever writer and spent fifty years of his life in the printing office.

The Bartletts are of Norman origin, their history dating back to the time of William the Conqueror, in whose army one of them was knighted. Ebenezer Bartlett was a Revolutionary patriot and among the freemen who struck the first blow for liberty at Lexington.

Daniel Bartlett, son of Ebenezer, was born March 9, 1783, in Massachusetts. He married Jane, sister of George Scott (p 67) and through the importunity of his brother-in-law removed with his family from Berkshire county, Mass., to Towanda in 1824. He purchased the "Tiger Hotel," a famous hostelry, which he conducted till about 1840, then retired from active life. Mr. Bartlett was noted for his generosity and true kindness of heart. He died May 6, 1864, in Towanda. His wife, born June 13, 1791, died Nov. 27, 1871. Their children were Orrin D., Harriet A. (Mrs. Uriah Scott), Eliza Jane (Scott) and Charlotte. *Orrin D.*, b Aug. 30, 1814, was one of the prominent business men and useful citizens of Towanda; he married 1st, Mary Weston, 2nd Sarah F. Tracy; died Jany. 20, 1887; children, Rev. Franklin W., Dr. Henry A., Charles G., Mary F. (Mrs. E. O. Macfarlane), Harriet (Mrs. Walter G. Tracy) and Cora (Mrs. Norman Eichlenberger).

Bull Brothers, James Perry, David M. and George H., were prominent in the early political affairs of the county. They were sons of Nathan Bull who removed from Saybrook, Conn. to Ohio but afterwards came to Towanda and died there.

Col. James P. Bull came to Towanda from Ohio in 1823, purchased and edited the *Bradford Settler*, the organ of the Democratic party. He was a man of marked ability, an able editor, a leader in politics, ranking only second to Gen. Samuel McKean. In fact he and General McKean controlled the politics of the Democratic party in the county for some time. For awhile he held a clerkship in the Treasury Department at Washington and was county treasurer, 1827-'28. He took an active interest in military affairs and was commissioned colonel in the 15th regiment. Colonel Bull died in Towanda, June 29, 1842, aged 39 years, 10 mos and 20 ds. He married Ann E. Wallace, sister of Mrs. Ellis Lewis of Williamsport. Their children were Wallace, Ann, James, Lewis and George. The only daughter, *Ann*, became the wife of O. H. Platt, U. S. Senator from Conn. *George* was an eminent lawyer in Philadelphia and a member of the legislature. Mrs. Bull lived with her daughter in Connecticut and died there.

David M. Bull was an assistant editor on the *Bradford Settler*, merchant, mail contractor and county treasurer, 1835 to '38. During the Rebellion he was a sutler in the Union army and for three months a prisoner in Libby. Later he was given a position in the Custom

House at New Orleans where he died. He married 1st, Sophronia Patrick of Wysox, 2nd, Martha J. McCauley of Washington, D. C.

George H. Bull came from Elmira to Towanda in 1826. He was merchant, justice of the peace, farmer, county commissioner and miller at the mouth of Towanda Creek. Of somewhat stern appearance, he is remembered for his integrity, good judgment and a lively appreciation of wit and humor. His last years were passed at Newark, N. J. He was twice married and had a large family of children.

Solomon Keeler of Hudson, N. Y. came to Monroe in 1818, locating on the Marcy place where he died, 1824. His wife, Lucy, died in Towanda, July 24, 1845, aged 79 years, 4 mos and 20 ds. Of their children: *Lucy*, married Libeus Marcy of Monroe; *Nehemiah J.*, b April 1, 1804, married Helen Taylor, died Feby. 13, 1882 in Towanda; *William*, b July 1, 1818, married Celinda Watts: for fifty years a house and sign painter in Towanda and a noted violinist; died Nov. 8, 1890.

James Hogeboom who was of German descent was born Feby. 22, 1786 at the foothills of the Green mountains in Vermont. He served in the War of 1812 then learned the trade of miller which he followed most of his life. He drifted into New York state where, Nov. 3, 1816, he married Mahala Wells. Coming to Bradford county he located near Merryall but afterwards purchased a farm in Tuscarora and died there, March 4, 1871. "He was an Abolitionist, an earnest Christian and a strong advocate of temperance." His wife, b Oct. 1, 1798, died Oct. 12, 1874; both inhumed in Ackley cemetery, Spring Hill. They had two children: *Lorenzo Harris* who married Sarah Owen and *Mary Louisa*, married Vincent Owen.

John Lewis of the parish Bachelor, Wales, married May 31, 1811, Anne Rees of the same parish. In 1821 Mr. Lewis came to America with his wife and four children. He landed in New York at which place he was met by Wm. Gibson who had gone from Ulster to bring the family in with a one-horse wagon. The children took turns in walking the entire distance. Mr. Lewis followed the occupation of repairing farm implements, carrying a kit of tools from farm to farm and doing the necessary work on the premises. In 1826 he purchased a farm on Moore's Hill and there resided until his death, Dec. 1, 1853, aged 66 years. His wife died Sept. 20, 1868, aged 83 years. Their children were John, Anne, (Mrs. Wm. Wright), Mary (Mrs. David Bevan), Lewis, Evan, Thomas (died young) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Stephen Bennett). The second child, Mrs. Anne Wright, born October 12, 1813, a most remarkable woman over 101 years old, is living and in good health.

Mrs. Anne Lewis Wright at 100 Years.

Patrick Higgins, a native of Connecticut and a soldier of the War of 1812, came to Ulster in 1824. He was a shoemaker by occupation, a trade he followed in connection with making improvements upon a farm which he had purchased His son, James H., who was a soldier in the Mexican war, afterwards occupied the place. Mr. Higgins died Dec. 29, 1865, aged 69 and his wife Mary, Nov. 13, 1870, aged 71 years. They had six children.

The Plowmans were English people who came first to Philadelphia, where they remained for a time, then in 1824 removed to Ulster. The family consisted of Henry and Cornelius Plowman, brothers, Mrs. Charlotte Hale, a sister, and Mrs. Susannah Durdle, their mother.

Henry Plowman married Mary Longlay, a French girl in Philadelphia. Upon locating in Ulster he first engaged as an innkeeper. He afterwards purchased a farm. In consequence of lameness he was unable to do hard labor and in 1834 was appointed a justice of the peace. He died in 1836, aged 44, survived by his wife and a son William.

Cornelius Plowman married Mary Porter in Philadelphia. He purchased land on Moore's Hill which he sold in 1835 and removed to Illinois. Finding it unhealthy there after two years he returned to Ulster and purchased another farm. His wife died in 1845 and he afterwards married Elizabeth Noble. By his former marriage he had four children: *Charlotte* who married and removed to Iowa; *Emily* married Morris Clair of East Smithfield; *Thomas* became a noted architect in Philadelphia; *George* was a contractor and builder in Philadelphia. Mr. Plowman died, 1872, in Smithfield, aged 76 years.

Mrs. Susannah Durdle, the mother, who had been twice married and survived both her husbands, died at Ulster in 1834, aged 77 years. Her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Hale, married Thomas Overton, being his third wife. After his death she married Richard Videon of Covington, Tioga county, where she died, aged about 70 years.

Cyrel Fairman was among the people from the East who settled in Smithfield, 1814. Here he engaged in farming and died, 1871, survived by his second wife Lucy and children, William, Sarah Ann, Edmond and Erastus (deceased).

Edmund Hill, a carpenter by occupation, came from Southern New York to Sheshequin in 1821. In 1845 he was elected a justice of the peace and was familiarly known as Squire Hill. In faith he was a Universalist, in politics a Whig. He married Sarah, daughter of Josiah Marshall. He died July 31, 1856, in his 59th year and his wife, Oct. 23, 1878, aged nearly 80 years. Their children were Eliza M. (Mrs. James Sherwood), William K. and Emily R.

David Brown came to Sheshequin in or before 1821. He was quite a noted bee keeper. He was twice married and had a large family. Of his children, Avery, Asa, William, Ruel, Joseph, Franklin, David, Porter, Philander, Lydia, Margaret and Betsy are remembered. His first wife was an Avery, sister of Mrs. Obadiah Gore. In 1840 Mr. Brown sold out and removed to Groton, N. Y.

George Billings was a resident of Sheshequin in 1822. He had children, Alphonso, Leonard, Olive (Mrs. Isaac Elliot), Emily (Mrs. George Horton) and Eunice (Mrs. Wm. Patterson). For his second wife he married Lydia Horton, widow of Rev. David S. Blackman.

Aaron French located at Ghent in Sheshequin, 1823. His wife was Mary Myers, and their children, Sarah (1st. Mrs. Joseph E. Skinner, 2nd, Mrs. Merritt Middaugh), Esther (Mrs. John Sheeler), Margaret (Mrs. James Culver), Naomi (Mrs. John Tompkins), Catherine (Mrs. Archibald Sheeler), Walter, Abisha and Aaron. Mr French died January 1, 1851, aged nearly 84 years and his wife, Dec. 6, 1863, in her 86th year.

Eli Morris, a native of Greene county, N. Y., born Aug 10, 1769, removed with his family to Rome township, 1825. Here he cleared and improved a farm and died Nov. 6, 1854. He married, September, 1804, Ruth Barto (b July 16, 1782, d May 5, 1865). Their children and marriages follow: *Alanson* to Polly Gordon, Standing Stone; *Sally* died in childhood; *Charles E.* removed to Buffalo in young manhood; *Jeremiah* married Polly Eiklor, Rome; *Betsey* married Peter Vought, Rome; *William* married Lorena Post, Sheshequin; *Levi* died in childhood; *Ursing* married John Chandler, Sheshequin; *Nacom H.* died in Rome; *Sally* married 1st Nathan Hill, 2nd Wm. Sheeler.

Eliphalet Ward came from Connecticut to upper Sugar Creek in or before 1812. He was a son of a patriot of the Revolution and himself a soldier in the War of 1812. He settled near Alba and engaged in farming until his death, 1865, in his 76th year. His wife was Polly Case, born in Vermont. She died, 1876, in her 84th year. In his will Mr. Ward provided for his wife and surviving children: Orrin P. (a member of F., 11th P. V. Cavalry, Civil War), Samuel C., Jane Scott, Lydia Boyce, Lucinda Patrick and Nancy Tuttle.

Elihu Newbery, a journeying blacksmith stopped in Towanda and opened a shop in 1819. He subsequently moved to Troy where he pursued his trade, acquired a fine fortune and was one of the leading men of the town. He married Jane ——— , their children being Lucy J. (Mrs. Sylvanus Eastabrooks), George N., Mary E. (Mrs. E. S. M. Hill), William P. and Benjamin F. George N. was one of Troy's most successful business men and wealthy citizens.

William Briggs was a lineal descendant of John Briggs, a warm personal friend of Governor Winthrop, who came from England to America in 1635. Some of John's descendants settled near Schenectady

where William was born March 10, 1794. The latter in 1816 found hi-way into Bradford county and January 18, 1817, was united in marriage with Maria, daughter of William Witter and Rebecca Spalding (I-161) of Sheshequin In the early 20's he opened an inn in Athens, which in the days of the stage coach, became far famed as "Briggs's Tavern." Mr. Briggs sold and in the 40's came to Towanda, where for many years he conducted a popular hostelry on Park street. He had a wide acquaintance, was a man of splendid information and an old-time gentleman. He died April 6, 1865. His wife, born October 4, 1796, died March 1, 1857. Their children and marriages follow:

Emily married, April 19, 1838, Elisha Satterlee, Jr.
Maria married, Feby. 28, 1843, Thomas Woodruff.
Rebecca married, Dec. 10, 1838, James R. Langford.
Harriet married, June 13, 1839, Lemuel Perry.
Ruth A. married, Jany. 19, 1843, Elhanan Smith.
Elizabeth married, Nov. 24, 1846, Newell C. Tomkins.
Frances married, May 13, 1856, George Hodges.

William Spalding, never married, was a distinguished member of Company F, 6th Penna Reserves, Civil War, died many years ago at Grand Rapids, Mich.

William Patton, a native of Mifflin county and lawyer by profession, came to Towanda in 1823. He was a magistrate and held at successive periods clerkships in the State Senate and in the U. S. war and navy departments, the general land office and also in the U. S. Senate, serving in the last body for more than 25 years. He was active in the State militia and promoted to the rank of major-general, being popularly known as General Patton. He was prominent in temperance work and the County Historical Society. General Patton married 1st, Eliza, daughter of Reuben Hale and had children: Joseph G. and Phoebe Ann (Mrs. J. J. Griffith); married 2nd, Mrs. Ann J. Gai of Washington, D. C.; he died Oct. 10, 1877, in Towanda in his 79th year.

Jesse Edsell (amended from page 76), a native of Orange county, N. Y., born March 11, 1783, came with his brother, Samuel, to Pike township in or before 1802. He was a man of considerable importance in the early history of the town and married Sept. 28, 1803, Polly, daughter of Andrew Canfield, a Revolutionary soldier. He died Oct. 4, 1855, on the homestead at Prattville. His wife, born Feb. 10, 1784, in Litchfield county, Conn., was a remarkable woman. She taught the first school in an old saw-mill in the Van Guilder neighborhood; there was a big rock near by and when the days were pleasant the children

prevailed on the teacher to keep school on the rock, over which they made a bower of limbs and brush. Mrs. Edsell was an expert weaver. After arriving at the age of 80 years she wove in a single year 800 yards of cloth besides spinning 50 pounds of flax. For 73 years she was a faithful and devoted member of the M. E. church. Her death occurred July 13, 1877, in her 94th year. The children of Jesse and Polly Edsell were as follows:

Betsey, b May 16, 1806, married Jeremiah Canfield, died Jany. 5, 1874, at Prattville.

Samuel Homer, b Jany., 1809, married Mary Lewis, died in Pike.

Eunice, b July 28, 1810, married Levi Lewis, brother of Mary, died in LeRaysville.

Wilson C., b July 8, 1814, married 1st Julia Clock of Oberlin, O.; married 2nd, Clara Hughes of Otsego, Mich. He went West in 1835 and through his own efforts became a man of means and prominence. He was called to various positions of honor and served three terms as state senator. He died Aug. 12, 1900, at Otsego, Mich.

Amanda, b March 14, 1817, married Wm. Ellsworth of LeRaysville, died April 16, 1891.

Polly Julia, b May 26, 1819, married Phineas Hager at Otsego; Mich.; died June 22, 1856, in LeRaysville.

Salome, b Oct. 19, 1821, married Levi Light, died at Prattville.

Sally Eliza, b May 26, 1824, died in girlhood.

Stephen F., b Sept. 28, 1826, married and died in Pike, Oct. 5, 1912. Other children were born but died in infancy.

Samuel Edsell was associated with his brother and died on the homstead at Prattville, March 2, 1859, aged 75 years. He was married and these children are remembered: *Jackson* who became a physician and made an European trip; *Grant* a school teacher; and *Elizabeth* who died in Pike unmarried.

Thomas Monro removed with his family from Bristol, R. I., to Columbia in 1823. He engaged in farming until his death in 1836. His wife was Sibyl Borden by whom he had children: Sally (Mrs. Henry Card), Thomas B., William, Mary T., George, Abram, Peter, Sibyl (Mrs. James Metler), Bateman, John and James—all of whom grew to maturity.

The Montanyes were originally Huguenots. They fled from France to Holland at the time of the massacre of St. Bartholomew and came from Holland with the Dutch in the early settlement of New Ams-

terdam and took a prominent part in founding what is now New York city. One of the family was a governor of New Amsterdam and others held high positions of trust in both church and state. Joseph de la Montanye for many years lived at Stroudsburg, Pa. He was frequently employed by General Washington during the Revolutionary war as bearer of dispatches and in other confidential relations. He died at Union, N. Y. His son Abraham was the father of Joseph and Elijah who settled in Towanda.

Joseph de la Montanye, born Nov. 12, 1802, came from Owego, N. Y. to Towanda in the early 20's as a clerk for Gurdon Hewitt. He subsequently formed a partnership with Nathaniel N. Betts, Sr., and engaged in trade at the corner of Main and Court street. In 1848 Mr. Montanye erected a brick building on the same site, and for more than fifty years did business on the same ground. After Mr. Betts, his brother, Elijah, was associated with him several years. Mr. Montanye was a very excellent citizen and had a wide circle of admiring friends. He died May 18, 1880, in Towanda. He married, Maria, daughter of Abner C. Rockwell (p 3); she, b Sept. 29, 1809, died Aug. 31, 1881. Their children were Joseph, Frank, George and Lester.

Elijah de la Montanye, born Sept. 12, 1812, followed his brother to Towanda and for a number of years was associated with him. He was also alone in the mercantile trade and had a second store at Monroeton. In addition to the sale of goods he did quite an extensive lumbering business on Towanda Creek. Mr. Montanye was a wide-awake business man, kind and affable. His frank and genial manner, his hearty greeting and his cordial grasp, won the affection and secured the friendship of all who met him. His demise occurred May 7, 1863. He married Celinda E., daughter of Ezekiel Griffis (p 158); she, b April 5, 1817, died Feby. 19, 1893. They had two children: Eliza (Mrs. D'A. Overton) and Rosalthe, died in childhood.

Vine Baldwin, son of Thomas Baldwin (I-116), the Indian fighter and patriot of the Revolution, located on Bentley Creek in Ridgebery, 1809. He built a grist and saw mill and a distillery, carrying on an extensive business for the times. In 1821 he moved to Troy where he opened a hotel, engaged in merchandising, cattle buying and other business. He was a man of decided push and enterprise and made money. In 1831 he moved to Tioga county and engaged in farming and lumbering. His last days were spent at Chemung where he died June 20, 1873, aged 90 years. Mr. Baldwin married Sally, daughter of

Thomas Burt of Chemung. Their children were Charlotte (Mrs. Geo. Kress), Thomas, Robert C , Vine, Morgan, Miles C., Mary and Martha.

Thomas Ferguson, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, was born July 30, 1788, in Orange county, N. Y. During the War of 1812 he enlisted at Minisink and served under Capt. John Dunning. He removed to Sussex county, N. J , whence he joined the emigration to Bradford county settling in Wells township. He cleared and improved a fine farm where he died March 17, 1867. He married March, 1808, at Minisink, Hannah Horton, b Jany. 16, 1786, died in 1876. Their children and marriages follow: *Alfred* to Betsey Carmichael; *Henry* to Dorothy Carmichael; *Uriah* to Sally Watkins; *Levi* to Amy Utter; *William* to Uzella Warner; *Calvin G.* to Sally Martin; *Julia* to Charles Colony; *Thomas* not married; *Phoebe* to Nelson Wolfe.

Lemuel S. Ellsworth came to Athens from Wilkes-Barre in 1825. He was a teacher in the old academy, merchant, post-master and dealer in real estate. Enterprising and successful he was one of the builders of the town. About 1850 he removed to Chicago. He married Caroline Backus and had children, Charlotte, Belle, Frederick, William, Caroline and Julia.

David F. Barstow, a native of Litchfield county, Conn., who had studied law at Albany, N. Y., came to Towanda in 1825. He was a gentleman of letters, a graduate of Union College and began life in Towanda as a teacher. For many years he was a magistrate and did an extensive business in connection with collecting. He also practiced at the bar. In 1838 he was chosen state representative and re-elected in 1839. His demise occurred May, 1859, aged 63 years. Mr. Barstow married Amelia A., daughter of Col. Hiram Mix (p 35), their children being David Henry, Henrietta and Caroline, both the latter being the wife of Dr. T. B. Johnson.

Salmon Sherwood, born May 12, 1769, at Bridgeport, Conn., was in early life a surveyor. While pursuing his vocation in Virginia he enlisted, 1791, in the U. S. army under Gen. Arthur St. Clair, was in the campaign against the Miami Indians and wounded in the battle of November 4, 1791. In 1793 he re-enlisted and served under Gen. Anthony Wayne, taking part in the battles of Fort Recovery and Falling Timbers. After leaving the army he was employed by Boone Company of Kentucky as surveyor. Here he married a Miss Stanley who four years later was killed in a massacre. Taking his 3-year old son he journeyed on horseback to Connecticut, being two months on the trail. Again established in his native state, he was elected several terms to

the legislature and served as a Captain in the War of 1812. In 1817 he moved to Catharine, N. Y., thence to Columbia township in 1836. Here he engaged in farming until his death, Jany. 18, 1853. Mr. Sherwood married about 1797 for his second wife Phebe Burritt (b Nov. 6, 1776, d Jany. 18, 1872) of Bridgeport, Conn. She was a member of the Elihu Burritt family and a woman of great energy and force of character. They reared a notable family as follows:

Steven (by first wife), unmarried, enlisted in the U. S. navy and supposed to have been killed at Tripoli.

Burritt was a physician, married Miss Hinman of Catharine, N. Y., and had two children.

Stanley followed farming, married but had no children.

Sally married Jesse Hitchcock of Catharine, N. Y., mother of five children.

Charles, a lawyer, was U. S. Consul at Messina where he died; married Miranda Sherwood of Bridgeport, Conn.; three children.

George, a mechanic, died unmarried at New Orleans.

James, a farmer in Sheshequin, married Eliza M. Hill; three children.

Henry, a lawyer, married 1st, Hannah Robinson; 2nd, Sarah Allen; 3rd, Lorancia Allen; one son by second wife.

Walter was a graduate of West Point, being a class-mate and intimate friend of Gen. McDowell; was a lieutenant in the U. S. army and killed Dec. 28, 1840, by the Seminoles at Martius Point, Fla.; unmarried.

Rollin, farmer in Illinois, married and left three children.

Phebe married Guy Hinman of Catherine, N. Y.; six children.

Julius, a lawyer, married Juliet Robinson of Wellsboro; one son.

William Marvin, a house carpenter, came early to Pike township from New England to ply his trade. He was an excellent mechanic and lost his life, 1837, by an accidental fall while working upon a house in Towanda. He was the father of five stalwart sons (whose combined height was 30 feet) and two daughters—John G., Francis, Eli S., Edwin C., William, Clarissa (Mrs. Oliver Northrup) and Sophia (Mrs. Stevens). *Francis* occupied the homestead with his mother, Lucinda; *Eli S.* went West; *William* settled in Smithfield.

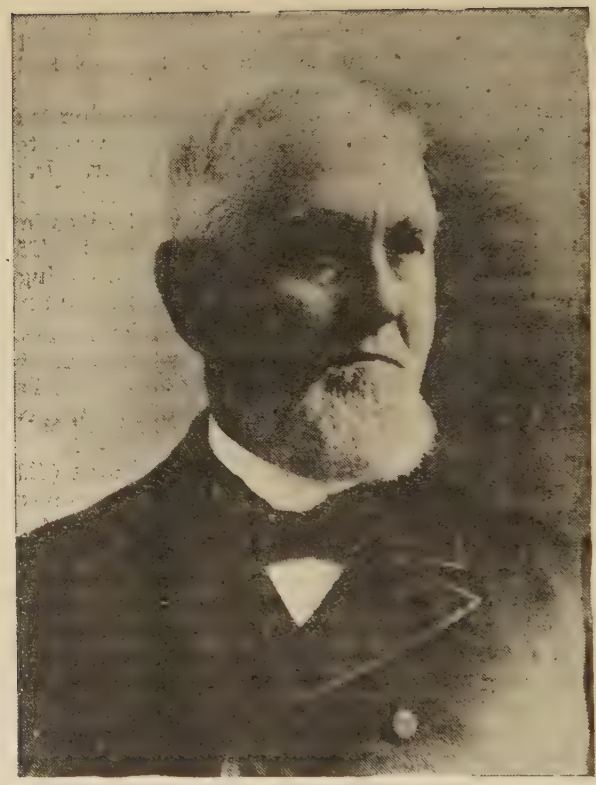
John G., who had received his education at Middletown, Conn., engaged in teaching. In 1840 and '41 he had charge of the Athens academy and was "the ablest and most successful teacher and principal ever at the head of that widely known institution." He read law and in the

early 50's went to California where he was chosen the first superintendent of public instruction. He became eminent in the legal profession and in due time was elevated to the Bench. In hopes of restoring his health he went to Honolulu where he died.

Edwin C., like his brother, began his career as teacher and was his assistant at the Athens academy. He subsequently went to Bedford county where he read law and was admitted to the Bar. In the summer of 1853 he started for California, sailing from New York on the ocean steamer *Northern Light.* While coming up the Pacific coast the vessel was wrecked and Martin and all on board drowned. The Marvin boys are remembered as gentlemen of fine physique, pleasing address, good looking and capable of working "their way through anywhere."

The Coddings are of English origin. Capt. James Codding was one of the first settlers of Taunton, Mass. He had a son Ensign James Codding whose son, James, married Abigail Cobb. They had a son James who married Joanna Eddy and had three children, David, Abiel and Abigail.

David Codding, the elder son of James and Joanna (Eddy) Codding, was born June 4, 1786, at Taunton, Mass. He received a good academic education and for several years followed school teaching in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York. While teaching at North East, Dutchess county, he became acquainted with Susanna, daughter of Consider and Mary (Adams) Wood (p 248) whom he married June 7, 1812. In early manhood Mr. Codding met with a misfortune which was a great handicap; while doing the "honors" in arousing militia officers his gun bursted tearing off his left hand. However, after his marriage, his son John A. says: "Father taught school winters and worked on a farm as a day laborer through the farming season. He had only one hand but managed to do nearly all kinds of farm work. He could mow, cradle, hoe and rake and do many other kinds of work as well as any one. In October, 1823, he came with his wife and six children to Pike, Bradford county. He built a log house in the primeval forest, and for the next ten years our parents struggled with extreme poverty. The house had only one window with twelve lights 7x9. The door was hung with wooden hinges with latch and fastenings of the same kind; a floor of unplaned boards came to within about 8 feet of the west end of the room and on that space a fire of wood was built on the ground without stove or chimney; a stone chimney was built the next season. We had no chairs or table; a table was improvised by wooden pins about 20 inches long driven into holes bored in the logs at the side of



Col. John A. Codding

the room, and a long board placed on the pegs made a table where we all sat with our faces towards the side of the house. For chairs we had blocks sawed from small logs about the size of a nail keg. When we desired to move our block we turned it down on the floor and rolled it to a place where we desired to sit. On such chairs we sat and ate our roasted potatoes, and if we could get corn bread of the plainest kind it was a luxury. In this primitive log house we lived 18 years."

With true pioneer courage Mr. Codding struggled on. He cleared

land, taught school and worked at the mason's trade. Later in life he became a Methodist preacher and was superintendent of the Burlington circuit. His good and faithful wife bore her part most heroically, and in the evening of their lives they enjoyed every comfort, surrounded by affectionate children. Mrs. Codding, b Feby. 8, 1786, died Feby. 5, 1865; Mr. Codding died Aug. 19, 1874. They reared a notable family of four sons and three daughters:

Mary Adams, b Oct. 24, 1813, married Jackson K. Bosworth, died Oct. 30, 1895; the mother of eleven children (I-317).

Amy Tompkins, b May 2, 1815, married Clinton Keeney, died Aug. 12, 1874; children, Lovisa, John, Mary and David.

David Seabury, b July 20, 1817, physician, married Celinda A. Ladd, died Aug. 30, 1891; children, Lydia O., Martin O., Clarissa, Mary, Edgar, Julia.

John Alpine, b July 6, 1819, married Nov. 14, 1847, Perciller L. Hodge, died June 1, 1909, in Towanda. He was one of the noted men of the county and in his closing years "the grand old man." He was a successful teacher, mason and merchant, one term sheriff of the county and 16 years a magistrate. He was long active in the old militia, passing through the different grades to colonel. In his old age he was remarkably brilliant and exact. Children: *James H.*, lawyer, twice congressman, a 33rd degree Mason, holding the exalted position of Grand Secretary General of the Ancient Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic jurisdiction of U. S. A.; *John W.*, lawyer and former district attorney; *Charles L.*, eminent physician in Duluth; *Mary* (Mrs. Alex. H. Davis), deceased.

Martin Ham, b April 4, 1821, married Evaline Smith, died Dec. 7, 1910; children: Mary F., Burton O. and Leslie A.

Susanna Desire, b March 14, 1823, married Albert F. Shadduck, living; children: Mary A., John and David.

Abner Wesley, b Oct. 7, 1829, died March 30, 1835.

Morrow—John Morrow was a native of Dunleavy, County Monaghan, Ireland, where he tended a grist mill. He married Nancy, daughter of John Gamble (p 164) and some years after his sons and father-in-law had immigrated to Bradford county, he and his wife came also. Mr. Morrow was an expert builder of stone-wall fences and was thus employed by the more thrifty farmers after settling in Wilmot. His death occurred Oct. 24, 1837, aged 67 years and that of his wife, April, 1860, in her 85th year. Both inhumed in Lacey street cemetery. Their children were John, William, James, Hamilton, Robert, Betsey

(Mrs. Lewis Page) and Margaret. *James* married Miss Sharts, died 1848; *William* died 1854; *Hamilton* married Jane Walker, died 1886 in Herrick, aged 74.

John Morrow, Jr., when a lad came from County Monaghan, Ireland, with the Gambles to Wilmot in 1811. For a few years he was a merchant at New Era and Terrytown, then followed farming and cattle raising at Quicks Bend on the farm now owned by his son Wm. Gibson. Mr. Morrow married Sally, daughter of John Horton, Sr., (I-221) of Terrytown. He died Aug. 10, 1873; she, b May 29, 1798, died April 27, 1874. They had six sons and two daughters, as follows:

George H. died, unmarried, Dec. 30, 1873.
John Wallis died, unmarried, March 20, 1857.
James Harvey married Sabra Smith, died June 22, 1857.
Deborah Ann married Andrew Fee, died 1910.
Nancy P. married Capt. John G. Brown, died April 1, 1874.
Francis Gailey married Sarah Webb.
William Gibson married Eliza Miller.

Hon. Paul Dudley Morrow, the fourth son of John and Sally (Horton) Morrow, was born February 17, 1828, in Wilmot. His early life was spent at home, where in alternate labors of the farm, the studies of the school room and teachings of the home circle, were laid the foundations of a good physical development, firm intellectual culture and high moral character which distinguished him through life. At the age of 18 he began a preparatory course of study at Franklin Academy and in 1848 entered the freshman class of Hamilton College from which he was graduated with honors in 1852. In 1879 this institution conferred upon him the degree of L.L. D. Previous to entering the academy and while pursuing his studies, he was engaged in teaching for several terms. Possessing a strong analytical mind, argumentative and practical in the ordinary affairs of life, turned naturally to the law as his chosen profession and immediately after his graduation went to Towanda and entered the law office of Judge Mercur as a student-at-law. In September, 1853, he was admitted to the bar, having studied law extra during his senior year under Dr. Dwight.

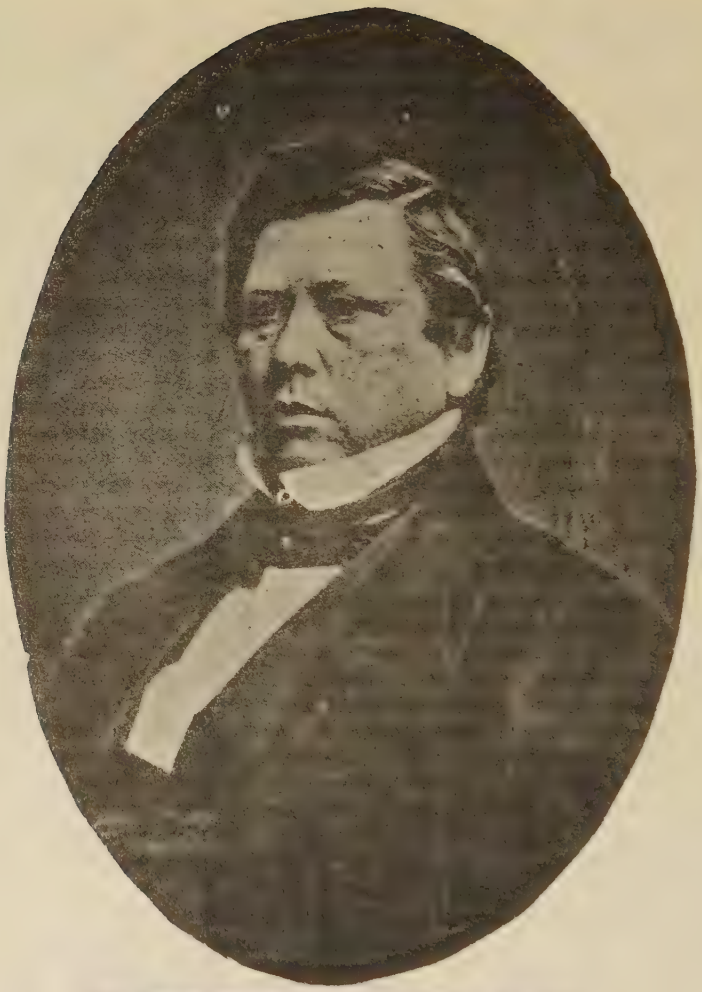
Entering upon his profession he found at the bar such men as Elwell, Adams, Mercur and others, who then were eminent in their profession and doing the principal part of the legal business of the county. To make for himself a place and obtain business against such competitors required no small ability, energy and perseverance. He made haste slowly but made it a rule to do well whatever he had to do; and, with an unyielding integrity of purpose, he attracted attention and won the confidence of the public, so that in 1856 he was elected district attorney. In 1862 he became a law partner of Judge Wilmot, who was then United States Senator, and remained with him until he was appointed one of the judges of the Court of Claims at Washington. He was subsequently associated with Henry Peet, Esq., until March, 1865, and then with Judge Mercur until March, 1870, when he received the appointment of Additional Law Judge of the 13th District, composed of the counties of Bradford and Susquehanna.

In the fall of 1870 he was elected Additional Law Judge for a term of ten years. Under the new Constitution, Bradford and Susquehanna counties were each made a separate judicial district, and Judge Streeter having assigned himself to the latter in 1874, Judge Morrow was commissioned President Judge of the Bradford district for the remainder of his term. Having proven a wise, painstaking and honorable officer, in 1880 he was renominated by the Republicans of the county and endorsed by the Democrats, receiving almost an unanimous election. Judge Morrow was a hard worker, painstaking and diligent. Conscientious and upright in the discharge of his duties, just and correct in his decisions, he won the confidence and respect of all. He had a well-balanced, discriminating mind and an abiding love of justice. His sentences were always pronounced in touching words, full of good advice, revealing his true kindness of heart and noble manhood.

Politically Judge Morrow was originally an active member of the Democratic party until 1854 when the Kansas and Nebraska question led him to cast his lot with the opposition and became a warm advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He was a ready supporter of both church and school interests as well as every enterprise looking to the advancement of literature and the preservation of good society. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. Always genial, he was a true and warm friend. In 1857 Judge Morrow married Miss Harriet King Pitcher of Warren, a woman of rare intellectual and social culture. They had three children: Henrietta (Mrs. James T. Hale), John P. and Charles S., all deceased, Judge Morrow died in Towanda, Dec. 14, 1890, after a lingering illness and his wife, March 31, 1900.

Wilmot—Benjamin Wilmot with his wife, Ann, daughter, Ann, and two sons, Benjamin and William was settled in New Haven, Conn., 1641. William, the younger son, married Sarah Thomas. They had five sons and five daughters, all of whom married and left issue. One of the sons, John, married Sarah Clark and was the father of nine children. His son, Valentine, settled in Woodbridge, Conn. Randall, a grandson of Valentine, was born May 20, 1792, at Woodbridge. He was twice married, first, to Mary Grant, and secondly, to Mary Carr. Two children resulted from the first alliance, David and Mary, and five from the second, Jane, Lois, Edward, Maria and Celinda. All of these married except the youngest daughter. The father settled, first, in Sullivan county, N. Y., and later at Bethany, Wayne county, Pa., where he resided many years. He finally removed to Ohio and died July 9, 1876, at Bozetta.

Hon. David Wilmot, the elder child of Randall and Mary (Grant) Wilmot was born January 20, 1814, at Bethany, Wayne county, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and in the Aurora, N. Y.. academy. Of his boyhood, one who knew him well, writes: "David was not a bad boy and he had no vices, but he was the very spirit of mischief incarnate. Bright, active and alert mentally, he abominated the very name of work and if freedom from



that constituted happiness, then he was surely happy." At the age of 18 he went to Wilkes-Barre and read law in the office of Geo. W. Woodward. Two years later he was admitted to the Luzerne County Bar. Soon after his admission he decided to locate at Towanda and the records show that he was admitted to practice in the several courts of Bradford county, September 8, 1834, when he was yet under age. He soon became a conspicuous personage and early in his career gained a great influence over the people. He had a fine voice, a good presence and an eloquent tongue. He possessed a remarkable analytical mind but was not a great lawyer save before a jury. He relied upon his latent resources at the moment to make up for his lack of thoroughness and aversion to study. However, he was a deep thinker and with his quickness of comprehension and eloquence, carried juries while others more thoroughly versed in the law made but little impression.

He very soon attracted attention as a debator on political questions, taking the Democratic side of the house opposed to Gen. Samuel McKean and his followers. In 1836 and 1840 he supported Martin Van-Buren for the presidency, and in 1844 was nominated and elected to Congress as a "free trade Democrat" from the district composed of the counties of Bradford, Susquehanna and Tioga. When the tariff question came up in the House, 1846, he was the only member from Pennsylvania who voted for the repeal of the "tariff of '42." In common with the Democratic party he favored the annexation of Texas.

The Wilmot Proviso.

Col. A. K. McClure, historian of Wilmot's time, says: "The Wilmot proviso that convulsed the country was simply a repetition of the Jeffersonian proviso to the ordinance of 1787. In 1846 when the Mexican war was in progress it was well known that the purpose of the administration was to acquire Mexican territory with a view of creating future slave states, and thus maintain the equilibrium of the government as taught by Calhoun. On the 8th of August, 1846, President Polk applied to Congress for an appropriation of several million dollars to be placed entirely at his own disposal for the purpose of negotiating a treaty of peace with Mexico. The prospect of the erection of future slave states out of Mexican territory aroused the anti-slavery sentiment of the North, and among the most pronounced of the dozen or more anti-slavery Democrats was David Wilmot. The House had a decided Democratic majority and the Speaker was in heartiest sympathy with the administration in all its purposes. It was difficult, therefore, for

Democrats who were suspected of opposition to the policy of the President to obtain recognition for the purpose of offering the anti-slavery proviso. At a conference of anti-slavery Democrats, Judge Brinkerhoff of Ohio presented what became known as the Wilmot Proviso of which the following is the full text:

"Provided, that as an expressed and fundamental condition to the acquisition of any territory from the Republic of Mexico by the United States, by virtue of any treaty that may be negotiated between them and to the use by the Executive, of the moneys herein appropriated, *neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever exist in any part of such territory, except for crime, whereof the party shall be first duly convicted.*"

"Copies of this proviso were made and given to each of the anti-slavery Democrats with the understanding that the first of the number who could obtain the floor when the bill appropriating money to the President was under consideration should offer the amendment. It happened that Wilmot was the first to be recognized when the Mexico Peace Appropriation bill was before the House, and he thus became the father of what is now crystallized in history as the *Wilmot Proviso.* When offered by Wilmot it produced the utmost consternation in the House, as many Democratic members had become alarmed at the anti-slavery sentiment developed in their districts. The House was in committee of the whole and to the surprise of both sides the proviso was adopted by a vote of 83 to 64; on final passage the bill received 83 votes to 78 against it. The bill went to the Senate where Lewis of Alabama moved that the proviso be stricken out. It was the last day of the session, when Senator Davis of Massachusetts obtained the floor and spoke against the proviso until the hour of noon, when the Senate adjourned without day. That was the first instance in which a bill was defeated by speaking against time in the Senate."

The measure though lost in Congress created a great agitation throughout the country, and was the wedge which split the Democratic party upon the slavery question. Many of the Democrats in the district made a bold assault upon Mr. Wilmot for this and tried to prevent his return to Congress. In 1846, he was re-elected on the tariff issue over Judge White, a high tariff Democrat, and again in 1848, mainly on the sentiment of his proviso. While he had been elected as a Democrat, he was a "free-soiler" and supported VanBuren for the presidency in 1848. In 1850 Mr. Wilmot again secured a re-nomination to Congress as a "free-soil" Democrat, which resulted in a split of the Democratic party in the district on the slavery question. The pro-slavery Democrats having put a candidate in nomination, for the good

of the party, upon Mr. Wilmot's suggestion, both candidates withdrew and Galusha A. Grow was selected as a compromise and elected. "Wilmot's great strength was his readiness to maintain his convictions. He never faltered when the slavery question was foremost and he became very generally appreciated and one of the great leaders in the anti-slavery movement in the nation. He never practiced the arts of the demagogue, strictly honest, and more than able to maintain his position against all comers. During his last term in Congress he was one of the most consistent and earnest, and certainly one of the ablest of the brave men who lined up to resist slavery aggression."

In 1851 Mr. Wilmot was elected president judge of the district over William Elwell, the independent candidate. He served as judge until 1857, when he resigned the office to enter the gubernatorial contest. His competitor, Wm. F. Packer, the Democratic candidate, was elected, but his defeat sounded the death knell of the Democratic party in the state and made him more popular than before. At a serenade given him at his home in Towanda after his nomination, he said: "I well understand I can not be elected but the canvass will be the means of establishing a party of which the people will be proud and can rely upon." His statement was verified the next year by a Republican victory in the state. In December, 1857, Governor Pollock appointed him president judge of his old district, and the next year he was again elected by the people. The political animosity engendered by the gubernatorial contest among his political opponents led to an organized effort to depose him as judge and a number of his enemies went to Harrisburg with a view to legislate him out of office. The movement was thwarted.

Mr. Wilmot was a delegate to the first National Republican convention, held at Philadelphia, June 18, 1856, and was chairman of the committee on resolutions and drew up the famous resolution denouncing "slavery and polygamy as the twin relics of barbarism." In the convention he was proposed for vice president on the ticket with Mr. Fremont and received 43 votes; the nomination, however, went to Wm. L. Dayton of N. J., Abraham Lincoln of Illinois being second in the list. In 1860 Mr. Wilmot was also a delegate to the National Republican Convention held in Chicago and was its temporary chairman. He with the Pennsylvania delegation was instructed to vote for Gen. Simon Cameron. After one ballot he saw that Seward would be nominated unless Cameron were dropped; whereupon the Pennsylvania delegation, he at its head, asked leave to retire. After consultation Mr. Wilmot asked that their instructions be taken off which was agreed to by the delega-

tion. Upon the second ballot nearly their whole vote was cast for Mr. Lincoln, which carried enough others on the third ballot to nominate him. President Lincoln never forgot Wilmot's efforts in his behalf and they were ever after devoted friends.

Judge Wilmot was a member of the Peace Conference held in Washington, 1861. When coming down from one of its meetings he said: "There is no use; we cannot agree and I am not sure that a war would be the worst thing that could happen to this country. I fear it is near at hand." In 1861 he was a candidate for U. S. Senator but Cameron held the balance of power and gave the victory to Edgar Cowan. Later during the same session of the Legislature when Cameron resigned the Senatorship to enter Lincoln's cabinet as Secretary of War, Wilmot was chosen to succeed him. At the end of his two years' term the Democrats had carried the Legislature by one majority and made Charles R. Buckalew senator. Soon thereafter Wilmot was appointed a Judge of the Court of Claims, a position that he held until his death. His vigor was much impaired during the last few years of his life by steadily failing health, and after his retirement from the Senate he ceased to take any active part in the political conflicts of the time. The end was sad. Continued ill health affected Mr. Wilmot's mind and he finally died of softening of the brain, March 16, 1868, at his home in Towanda.

Judge Wilmot was a man of strong convictions; a man greatly beloved by his friends and unsparingly hated by his enemies. He was a powerful speaker, keen in debate, carrying with him the hearts of his hearers and producing conviction in others frequently by the strength of his own. The devotion of his people in the Northern Tier of counties was unexampled. They had unbounded faith in his judgment and fidelity. He was the idol of the masses. His remains rest in Riverside cemetery where upon a plain slab is inscribed his name, date of birth and death and the text of the Wilmot proviso.

Judge Wilmot married Nov. 28, 1836, Anna, daughter of Thomas H. and Katherine (Gregory) Morgan of Bethlehem, Pa. She was born April 14, 1814, and died March 25, 1888. They had three children Charles Grant, David and Thomas Morgan. The first two died at an early age, and Thomas M. in 1875, unmarried, at 30 years.

Daniel Orcutt came from Whitehall, N. Y., to Wilawana, Athens township, in or before 1808. Here he lived and engaged in farming until about 1840 when he removed to Chemung and died with his son John L. His wife was Deborah Tozer by whom he had six children. Barak, John L., Henry, Betsey, Sally and Calvin. *Barak* married a Miss Miller

and about 1825 removed to Ohio where he died. *John L.* married Betsey, daughter of Lowrance and Sarah (Helm) Vangorder and had children, John H., Calvin, Daniel, Sarah Deborah (Mrs. A. I. Decker), James and Betsey. He settled just across the state line in Chemung and engaged in farming until his death. *Betsey* married Jeremiah Hollon and spent her last days in Monroe township. She was the mother of Sally (Mrs. Joab Summers), Charles, Daniel O., Deborah (Mrs. Guy C. Irvine), Eliza (Mrs. Wm. Irvine), Lyman G., Lydia (Mrs. Daniel Cook), Almira (Mrs. Jas. W. Irvine), Harry S. and William. *Sally* married James Jones, of Addison, N. Y. *Henry* and *Calvin* died in boyhood.

Jacob Bell came to Wysox before 1812, built and operated a clothing and fulling factory at Myersburg which he and his wife Deborah sold in 1814 to Wm. Allen who continued the business.

Reuben Eddy, a native of Vermont and soldier of the War of 1812, came to Wysox, locating on the State Road in 1822. His wife was Sally Burbank by whom he had children, Augustus, Amos, Reuben W., Jacob, Miner M., Eliza (Mrs. Wm. A. Benedict) and Evaline (Mrs. Hoyt). Miner M. and Jacob were soldiers in the Civil War. Mrs. Eddy died July 9, 1848, in her 64th year and Mr. Eddy, Jan. 7, 1865, aged nearly 84 years.

Jason Potter, a native of Plymouth, Conn., purchased a large tract of land at Potterville in Orwell and came thereto in 1824. He married Clarissa Tyler of Montrose and had a large family of children. Both died at Potterville which place is so named for the family.

Abraham Goodwin became a resident of Ulster in 1825. He subsequently moved to Towanda and engaged in mercantile pursuits, was a justice of the peace and commissioned associate judge of Bradford county.

Judson Blackman, born Nov. 30, 1798, at Peru, Mass., became a resident of Monroe, 1820. He was first interested in a fulling-mill, then purchased land on the South Branch and for many years was extensively engaged in lumbering and farming. He was very successful and left a fine fortune at his decease, Dec. 28, 1864. He married, July 4, 1826, Lovice Rockwood of Peru, Mass., who died Aug. 23, 1883, aged nearly 82 years. Their children were Lyman, Daniel R. and Judson S.

Jeremiah Blackman, a brother of Judson, born June 6, 1804, came to Monroe in 1825. He located on the South Branch and engaged in blacksmithing, farming, lumbering and hotel keeping. His death

occurred February 17, 1878. He married Jane Edsall, who died April 24, 1881, in her 75th year. Their children were Lucinda (Mrs. Chester Carter), William H., Lamira (Mrs. Christopher Platt) and Sophia (Mrs. Edward Wilcox).

John Terwilliger, born January 12, 1806, at Ellenville, Orange county, N. Y., came to Standing Stone in 1825. Nearly his whole life was spent upon public works. He relinquished his position at the age of 71 years, having walked during the period of his faithful service, a distance of 77,000 miles. For faithfulness and duty performed, he earned a record seldom equalled. He died in Standing Stone, Feby. 5, 1886. Mr. Terwilliger married Belinda, daughter of Benjamin Brown (I-118). She, b March 25, 1817, died April 3, 1903. Their children and marriages follow: *Morgan E.* to Celestia Edsell; *Jane* to Henry A. Johnson; *Malita* 1st to C. H. Yontz, 2nd to Geo. Corson; *John* to Lizzie Adams; *Henry C.* died unmarried; *Rachel*, unmarried, drowned Oct. 23, 1858; *Charles L.* to Ella Goring; *Frank* to Katie Vanderpool; *Ellen* to Loren Westbrook.

The Huffs were among the Germans settling in New Jersey. About the year 1826, Henry, Isaac and Samuel Huff, brothers and sisters, Isabella and Martha, natives of Sussex county, removed to Standing Stone. *Isaac* after a few years removed to Smithfield and later to Athens where he died. *Samuel* removed to Ulster and died there. *Isabella* married Jacob Vosburg and *Martha* became the wife of Daniel T. Vannest.

Henry, b Oct. 3, 1790, cleared and improved a fine farm in Standing Stone, where he died Dec. 27, 1871. He married Susan Hankinson, b May 3, 1793, d March 31, 1844. Their children and marriages follow: *John* to Harriet Vannest; *Uriah D.* to Charity Donley; *Isaac* to Amret A. Russell; *Joel W.* to Sophia E. Roof; *Sally A.* to John R. Fulford; *Priscilla* died unmarried; *Henry E.* to Mary Newell.

Biles—William Biles with his wife, seven children and brother Charles came from Dorchester, England, to Pennsylvania in 1679. He purchased a tract of land along the Delaware and settled at the foot of Trenton Falls. He became an extensive land owner. In the spring of 1682, after the arrival of William Penn, he was chosen to the council of Philadelphia and was a signer of the Great Charter. He died, 1710, and was succeeded by his son William. One of his descendants, Henry Biles, a recruiting officer in the Revolutionary war, settled near Stroudsburg, Monroe county. He married Phoebe, daughter of Alexander Patterson and had children, John, William, Charles, Henry,

Robert, Alexander P. and Benjamin. By a second marriage he had daughters, Polly and Betsy.

Alexander Patterson Biles, b Oct. 28, 1783, married, Sept. 14, 1801, Rosanna Place of Middle Smithfield, Monroe county; came to Bradford county 1825, settling in Wyalusing township where he engaged in farming until his death, March 28, 1855; children and marriages follow: *John* to Sallie Bramhall; *Eleanor* to Jacob Strunk; *Phebe* to Chandler T. Baldwin; *Samuel W.* to Matilda Jane Ennis; *James A.* to Lizzie Vaunoy; *Charles* to Jane Vannoy; *Polly* to Chandler T. Baldwin (husband of deceased sister); *Jacob P.* to Mary Bunnell; *Rebecca* to James Depew; *George* to Almedia Camp; *Lewis* to Catherine Vannoy; *Betsy* to Calvin Camp.

Andrew Trout, a blacksmith and soldier of the War of 1812, located at Towanda, 1821. In 1831 he was drowned with Geo. K. Bingham in going over the Shamokin dam. He had sons, John, Ransom, William, Jackson and George. John learned the gunsmith's trade, went to Williamsport and became a man of standing and affluence. Mr. Trout's widow afterwards married Luke Gillespie.

Stephen Hiatt, a blacksmith came to Towanda in 1824. He was somewhat noted as a musician, being the sole violinist of the neighborhood. During slack times he was wont to go a-fishing with a neighbor, Munger, a fact which being observed by the poet of the town, gave rise to the following doggerel:

> "I'll neither work your iron or steel,
> Nor will I die of hunger,
> I'll take my pole upon my back
> And go along with Munger."

Lyman H. Hodges was one of the early inn-keepers of Towanda, his place being where the Ward House now stands. He died Jany. 13, 1837, aged 36 years, leaving wife, Lydia and children, Mary, Samantha, Ann and Sarah. His widow married I. S. Williams.

Daniel Crandall removed from Greenwich, Washington county, N. Y., to Windham township in 1815. He took up a farm in the wilderness and had made valuable improvements when his life was cut short by a sad accident. While assisting a sick friend with others, a tree was felled upon him, causing his death. His wife was Ruth Hurley by whom he had nine children: *Phebe* married Mr. Wright of Nichols, N. Y.; *Betsy* married Charles Hill of Windham, died in Ohio, 1877; *Samuel* married Phoebe Doane of Windham, died in Smithboro, N. Y., 1883; *Benjamin* lost his life at 19 by accidental shooting while

hunting; *Henry* married Betsy Barney of Windham; *Lydia Ann* married Smith Forbes, died in Rome, 1886; *Marion* married Alexander Rogers of Windham, died in Tennessee, 1889; *Daniel* married Nancy Helen Cook of Windham, died in Iowa; *Ruth* married 1st, Charles Ellsworth, 2nd, George G. Smith, died 1905, in Windham, being the last survivor of the family.

Additions and Corrections.

Rockwell, page 2—Ephraim Rockwell married 2nd Hannah Coon (not Coor). Allen, the eldest son of Ephraim, b June 10, 1776, married, Jany. 15, 1799, Phebe Davis of Berkshire county, Mass. In 1814 they came to Bradford county, settling in Franklin township where Mr. Rockwell died, Jany. 25, 1851. Their children were Allen, Polly, Nancy, Levi, Oliver, Betsey, Hiram, John and William A. James Lawrence Rockwell (p 3), the 2nd son of Abner C., left no issue by first wife; married 2nd Isabella, daughter of John Wilson and had sons, Abner Lloyd and John L.

Gerould, page 7—Jabez Gerould, son of Gamaliel and Rebecca (Lawrence) Gerould, b Nov. 1, 1748, in Wrentham, Mass., d June 12, 1802, at East Smithfield, Pa.; was a private soldier from Princeton, Mass., Capt. Joseph Sargent's company, Col. Sparkhawk's regiment, marched April 20, 1775, to Cambridge, service 7 days; also a member of Capt. John Jones's company, Col. Ephraim Dolittle's regiment, July 1, 1775; drummer in same company and regiment; was in Camp Winter Hill, Oct. 6, 1775. *Mass. Rev. Solds.*

Pierce, page 8—After the death of Phineas Pierce, Sr., his 2nd wife, Ruth, married Samuel Kellogg (p 26). Phineas Pierce, Jr., married Anna, daughter of Samuel Kellogg (p 26); he was killed in the War of 1812, leaving two children, Fanny Maria and Ransom.

Ladd, page 14—The children of Charles W. and Philinda Ladd were Amelia Lois, Charles Kingsbury, Sophronia and Urion Alden.

Coburn, page 15 Ebenezer Coburn married Nov. 10, 1768, Dorcas, daughter of Amos Shumway, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. The town records of Oxford, Mass., show births of their children as follows: Ruth, June 17, 1769; Lucy, April 22, 1771; Parley, April 13, 1774; Alexander, May 13, 1776; Ebenezer, baptized Oct 18, 1778; Amos, baptized Nov. 12, 1780; other children were Nehemiah, Zilpah (Mrs. Eliphalet Mason) and Annis (Mrs. Benj. T. Case). Ebenezer Coburn's service as a soldier of the Revolution is given in the Mass.

Records as follows: "Enlisted from Oxford as sergeant in Capt. Jeremiah Kingsbury's company, Col. Jonathan Holman's regiment; engaged Sept. 27, 1777; served 30 days; marched to the northward to reinforce army under General Gates; also 1st lieutenant in Capt. Ebenezer Humphrey's company, Col. Jonathan Holman's 5th Worcester county regt.; also 1st lieutenant in Col. Nathan Tyler's regiment, commissioned Aug. 4, 1779; ordered to be detached to serve at Long Island; discharged Dec. 29, 1779." Died March 2, 1814, in Warren township, aged 68 years. Amos Coburn (p 15) had a daughter Charlotte who married Charles Barstow; they had a daughter who became the wife of U. S. Senator Thos. C. Platt. Moses Coburn (p 17) was a son of Jonathan (p 17).

Green, page 32, 8th line—Benjamin Franklin should read as one name.

Bailey, page 33—Oliver, son of Ephraim Bailey, was a private in the Revolutionary war in the company of Captain Higgins of Haddam, Col. Wm. Douglas, 5th battalion Wadsworth's brigade, raised June, 1776, to re-inforce Washington's army at New York; he was in the battle of Long Island and also White Plains.

Wilson, page 39—The children of Dr. Irad and Sally (Elliott) Wilson were Oliver, Volney M., Irad, Iram, Cortland S., Allen M., Addison, Eugene, Maria (Mrs. L. J. Andrus), Samantha (Mrs. John Baker), Almira (Mrs. Jefferson Witherall), Emma (Mrs. Erastus Manley). Hannah, Sarah, Harriet and Andrew were step-children, or children of his second wife, Mrs. Ann Crandall.

Pratt, page 40—David Pratt, b Aug. 10, 1762, at Point Ticonderoga, Vt., died May 30, 1844, at Canton, Pa. He was a soldier in the war for Independence, his name being given on the rolls of "New York in the Revolution." His wife, Hannah Rockwell, b Aug. 5, 1762, d April 17, 1844. Their son Julius married Rebecca Robert and son Dr. Ebenezer to Fanny Powers.

Elliott, page 58—William Elliott, b Aug. 14, 1752, married 1st Lucretia Lowery, a Scotch girl by whom he had children, Joseph, John, Gitty, James, Thomas, Catharine, Larman H., Daniel, Samuel and Lucretia; married 2nd Maria Scutt and had children, Betsy and Hiram; married 3rd Mrs. Hepzibah (Wright) Mastin. It is related that "Joseph Elliott, father of William, came with his family to Livingston Manor, N. Y., with the Livingstons, where he was employed in the foundries. When the war broke out Joseph was made captain and William for a time continued to work in the foundry, making guns but later entered the service as a private."

Gaylord, page 61—Lemuel Gaylord was a son of Lieut. Aaron Gaylord who was killed at the battle of Wyoming. He married Sylvia, daughter of Noah Murray (I-188). His sister Phebe married Levi Frisbie (p 9).

Stone, page 73—Anna Stone married 2nd James Brown who was the father of Asa R. Brown.

Dunham, page 90—The name of the 8th child of Henry Dunham should read James, not Jane.

Brace, page 96—William Brace married Polly, daughter of Wm. Furman (p 201).

Cowles, page 99—The children of William and Polly Russell Cowles were Amanda M. (Mrs. J. J. Newell), John H., Chester G. and Mary E. (Mrs. Chas. Beers).

Atwood, page 126—Reuben Atwood, born at Woodbury, Conn., emigrated to Pike in 1807. His wife, Abiah, daughter of Zophar Platt (p 125), b June 4, 1779, d July 12, 1864.

Heverly, page 130—Martha (add), the second daughter of Christian and Martha Heverly, married Myron Annable.

Kellogg, page 139—Daniel Kellogg died March 2, 1823, aged 60 years.

Fox, page 1—Thomas Fox enlisted in the Revolutionary War at Glastonbury, Conn., and served under Captain Buel and Colonel Wyllys, Connecticut troops.

Leonard, page 42—Additional record of service of Ezekiel Leonard, Revolutionary soldier: "Private in Capt Nathan Rowle's company under Col. John Worcester, alarm service, from Sept. 21, 1777, to Oct. 17, 1777, in Northern expedition against Burgoyne's invasion."

Case page 93—Aaron Case served as a private in Capt. David Olmstead's company, Col. Roger A. Enos's regiment, Connecticut State troops; arrived in camp June 3, 1778, discharged Sept. 1, 1778.

Harkness, page 98—William Harkness enlisted in the American army at Colrain, Mass., in 1780 and served 5 months and 17 days.

Kellogg, page 140—Moses Kellogg, father of Amasa and a farmer at Hillsdale, N. Y., served as a corporal in Captain Wilcox's company, Colonel Ashley's regiment from July 8 to Oct. 19, 1777; during a portion of this time he was with the Northern army.

Knapp, page 142—The children of William and Nancy Knapp were as follows: Deborah, b May 22, 1804, married Elam Kendall, was the

mother of seven sons and two daughters, d July 19, 1892; Harriet, b May 18, 1811, married Oct. 29, 1830, Jacob Morley, d March 18, 1886; Charles, b Feby. 14, 1813, married Diadema Soper; William H., b Dec. 18, 1814, married Miss Vosburg; Mortimer, b Sept. 24, 1820, married 1st Melissa Clark, 2nd Phebe Wilcox; Nancy A., b June 4, 1822, married John Arthur; Robert M., b Aug. 4, 1824, married Adelaide Nichols; Charlotte, Sarah C. and Politus died young.

Reynolds, page 87—Benjamin Runnells (Rennells, Reynolds), a native of Connecticut, enlisted from Stafford county in 1776. In his several enlistments as a private he served over three years, participating in the battles of Flat Bush, L. I., East Chester, N. Y., White Plains, Trenton, Germantown, Monmouth and Stony Point. He was twice married.

Cooley, page 143—Isaac Cooley was the eldest child of Isaac and Abigail (Gottier) Cooley of Springfield, Mass. His first wife, Betsey, was a daughter of John Norman, a Revolutionary soldier of Agawan, Mass. He married, 2nd, Margaret, daughter of Bela Kent, a Revolutionary soldier (p 206).

Pepper, page 152—William Pepper was a descendant of Henry Pfeffer (Pepper) who emigrated from Rotterdam to Philadelphia in 1769. His son George, who was a celebrated financier, was succeeded by three generations of noted physicians, the Drs. William Pepper.

Eastabrook, page 168—The children of William W. and Ann (Gorham) Eastabrook were Amelia (Mrs. Wm. Elsbree); Avery, killed in the Civil War; William Ward; Frances (Mrs. Willard Loveland); Charlotte died at 15; Wilfred, Axcy (Mrs. Joseph Dettrie); Arthur; Belle married 1st, Filmore Ross, 2nd, John Patterson.

Loomis, page 168—Augustus Loomis, youngest son of Noah and Mary (Graves) Loomis, was born April 14, 1765 at Harwinter, Conn.; died April, 1831, at Canton, Pa.; married Liberty, daughter of Gersham Gillett (I-301), who died March 1, 1857. Their children were Ezekiel, John, Seth, Almira, George, Rosina, Minerva (Mrs. Ezra W. Rutty), Elizabeth (Mrs. Asahel Wright), Rosina, b June 15, 1808, m Calvin S. Sellard, d May 17, 1881; children, Steve, Emeline (Mrs. Walter Leavitt), Lewis, Harriet, Augusta (Mrs. Henry C. Palmer) and James M.

Parkhurst, page 178—John Parkhurst, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Parkhurst, was born May 2, 1760, at Weston, Mass. The family moved to Framingham which was his home during the Revolution. In the summer of 1777 he joined the army and was assigned to

guard Continental stores at East Sudbury. April 1, 1778, he re-enlisted in Captain Holmes's company, Col. Jonathan Reed's regiment and guarded at Prospect Hill, Cambridge, British prisoners who had been captured with General Burgoyne. He was discharged July 4, 1778, and at once re-enlisted for six weeks in the company of Capt. Amos Perry of Sherburn. He went with the company to Providence and Lewiston, R. I., where his duty again consisted in guarding continental stores; in August the company was engaged in building redoubts near Newport, R. I. July 24, 1780, he enlisted in Capt. Walter McFarland's company, Col. Cyprian Howe's regiment, for service in Rhode Island; the company went to Providence where they were detailed to guard stores on College Hill. He was discharged Oct. 30, 1780. Mr. Parkhurst married, Dec. 17, 1783, Sarah Bullard, who died Feby. 8, 1818, at Springfield, Pa. In 1813 in company with Wm. Evans, he left New Hampshire to find a new home in the West. They drifted into Springfield township where they purchased land, built a log house, then returned for their families. In the fall of 1813 they journeyed to their new home, being six weeks on the road. Mr. Parkhurst was a physician by profession though never in active practice. Most of his life was devoted to farming although he conducted a general store, some years, at Marlborough, N. H. He was popularly known as Major Parkhurst from his connection with the old militia. "He was an active member of the church, a man of strong political views and a contributor to various periodicals. He is remembered as a distinguished-looking man with keen blue eyes, white hair and a refined manner." His death occurred Nov. 1, 1836, at Springfield where he is buried. John and Sarah Parkhurst had nine children: *John*, b Dec. 30, 1784, married, Sept. 8, 1822, Laura Gleason. *Daniel*, b May 6, 1787, married Alma, daughter of Nathaniel Allen; practiced medicine in Springfield where he died, 1819; *Josiah*, b March 12, 1789, married, 1813, Rachel Harkness. *Sarah Maria*, b April 10, 1793, married Sept. 5, 1813, Wm. Evans (p 211). *Curtis*, b July 2, 1794, married Nov. 11, 1830, Jane Ann Kasson. *Dexter*, b Sept. 21, 1797, married July 4, 1823, Miriam Spear. *Joel*, b April 8, 1800, married, 1st, Nov. 16, 1835, Emeline R. Allen; married, 2nd, Mrs. Martha (Harrower) Steel; died Dec. 6, 1884, in Elkland, Tioga county, leaving an estate valued at over $1,000,000. *Martha*, b April 2, 1803, married July 25, 1827, Micajah Seely. *Ebenezer F.*, b Nov. 1, 1807, married Nov. 8, 1829, Denis Brown. Major Parkhurst married, 2nd, Margaret Randel of Canton.

Maynard, page 204 – Shubal Maynard came with his family from Vermont to Troy in 1809. He was twice married. The children by his

first wife were Archibald and Kate and by his second wife, Olive, Cyrus, Amos, Susan, Lois and Abby Ann (b Aug. 1827, m Nov. 11, 1846, James McClelland, d Jany. 29, 1899). Susan (Mrs. Shattuck) was the last survivor of the family.

Squires, page 227—The children of Charles and Mary (Webb) Squires follow: *Mary*, b Oct. 4, 1811, d Sept. 5, 1832; *Charles A.*, b March 18, 1813; *George W.*, b Nov. 6, 1815, d June 10, 1821; *Constanc W.*, b May 18, 1817, d Nov. 29, 1905. *Harriet N.*, b Sept. 30, 1818, d July 29, 1835; *John D.*, b Jany 2, 1821, married Eliza Baldwin. *George W.*, b Oct. 2, 1823; *Susan M.*, b March 9, 1825; *Lydiann*, b Aug. 31, 1827; *Pembroke S.*, b Dec. 23, 1829, married, June 28, 1854, Harriet H. Lafferty, d March 24, 1910; *Albyna T.*, b Sept. 22, 1831, d June 27, 1911; *Judson N.*, b May 12, 1834, d Sept. 18, 1853.

Bullock, page 236—Stephen Bullock, son of Samuel, fifth in descent from Richard, the first of the family who came to America, married Mary, daughter of Hezekiah Horton of Rehoboth, Mass. In 1778 he commanded a company in Col. Tom Carpenter's regiment under General Sullivan and was in the battle upon Rhode Island in August of that year. He was a member of the general court of Mass. prior to the adoption of the State constitution of 1780. He was also a member of the convention that adopted that constitution. He represented Rehoboth in the Legislature six years; was a member of the Governor's council three years and represented his district in the U. S. Congress 1797-'99. He was many years a Justice of the Quorum and was known as Judge Bullock. Two of his sons were Darius and Asa. *Darius*, b Oct. 10, 1761, d Oct. 28, 1833, served as a private under Capt. Sylvanus Martin, Col. Williams, Massachusetts troops, Revolutionary war. He married Chloe Pierce of Swanzey and removed to Halifax, Vt. They had children, Persis, Lydia, Darius, Nathan, Chloe, Jesse, and Eunice. Dr. Darius (p 153), Nathan, Jesse and Lydia (Mrs. James Martin settled in Bradford county. *Asa*, b May 3, 1763, married Jerusha Allen of Rehoboth, died Jany. 1, 1831, in Columbia township. Their children and marriages follow: *Marcy* to Joseph Gladding; *Mary* to Peleg Peckham; *Asa* to Olive Soper; *Rachel* died young; *Viall Allen* died unmarried in Columbia; *Stephen* to Lodemi B. Luce; *James* to Martha Brace; *Ira Clark* to Helen Pierce; *Isaac Fowler* to Lucinda Williams. The line of *Mayflower* descent of the family to Samuel Bullock follows: I. John Howland (1593-1673), married, 1622, Elizabeth Tilley (1607-1687); II. Hannah Howland, married July 6, 1661, Jonathan Bosworth (1640-1686); III. John Bosworth (1671-1719), married June

10, 1702, Elizabeth Toogood (1682-1716); IV. Anna Bosworth (1706-1773), married Dec. 8, 1734, Samuel Bullock (Nov. 17, 1703-Oct. 15, 1779).

Green, page 239—Willard Green served as a private in Capt. John Franklin's Independent company, Wyoming, 1780.

Sexton, page 281—William Sexton married Tamasin Fairchilds of Little Meadows, Pa. Of their children, *Mary*, married Wm. Pearl and removed to Ohio; *Docia* married Comfort B. Chaffee of Orwell; *Jabez* married, 1st, Jenette Jillson of Warren, 2nd, Mary White of Windham; his children were William, Ruth (Mrs. Anson Collins), Melissa (Mrs. Orsemus Carpenter), Lydia (Mrs. Seneca Arnold) and Willis.

Rathbone, page 288—Ezra Rathbone, Revolutionary soldier, who settled near East Smithfield while a mulatto was a very good man. He had three or four sons, one of whom, Abner, was quite a forceful Methodist preacher. He went West and purchased a property near Des-Moines, Iowa, which became very valuable.

Newbery, page 407—Elihu Newbery married Jane, daughter of John and Rebecca (McKean) Dobbins (I-211).

Dodge, page 157, Vol. I.—Oliver Dodge enlisted Aug. 20, 1777, in the company of Capt. Asa Price, Col. Danforth Keyes's regiment of Danvers, Mass.; discharged June 3, 1778.

Conkling, page 291, Vol. I—Ananias Conkling was a descendant by Joseph, Ananias and Jeremiah from Ananias, the emigrant ancestor who came from Nottingham, England, to Salem, Mass., and with his brother John established in 1637, the first glass works in New England. He was born at Sag Harbor, L. I., and was baptized July 24, 1737; married, 1763, Alice, daughter of Daniel Leek; died in Athens, 1811. He was one of the signers of the Association Test of Suffolk county in 1775. His son *Jonathan*, b 1754, served in the Revolutionary war, his name being given in the muster rolls of Lieut. Joshua Young's company (8th), Col. Smith's regiment; he died in Athens. *Hannah*, daughter of Ananias, married Julius Tozer.

Rogers, page 300, Vol. I—Zepheniah Rogers was born March 7, 1747, at Mendon, Mass.; married March 7, 1770, Elizabeth Rood (b April 16, 1753, d March 21, 1838), in Litchfield, Litchfield county, Conn.; served in the Revolutionary war, enlisting as a private, May, 1776, in Capt. William Satterlee's company under Col. Elmore of the Connecticut line and served until April, 1777; re-enlisted April, 1777, and served as a private, Capt. Daniel Davis's company under Col. Elmore for five or six months. In 1796 he emigrated to Canton township

where he resided until 1822, moving to Franklin county, Ohio, where he died Oct. 7, 1823, and is buried. The children of Zepheniah and Elizabeth Rogers were Isaac, b Feby. 11, 1771; Zepheniah, b Sept. 12, 1773, married Anna Soul, 1795; Rachael, b July 14, 1778, married Nathaniel Babcock; Elizabeth, b April 8, 1783; Roswell R., b July 5, 1787; Rosemanty, b Sept. 24, 1789; Reuben, b Oct. 26, 1791; Roine (Irvine) b Jany. 4, 1794.

Lent and Riker Family (Holland and German)—They possessed the manor of Rycken, whence they took the name de Rycken. In 1096, Hans and Melichor de Rycken (Hans being lord of the manor) took part in the first crusade, heading 800 followers. Hans was killed. Melichor returned and a son of Melichor's settled in Amsterdam, Holland, where for two centuries, they occupied positions of trust. Captain Jacob Simosen de Rycken was a zealous supporter of William of Nassau, and a corn merchant. His grandson, Abram de Rycken came to this country in 1638. He was the American ancestor of the Rikers and Lent family. In 1640, he received the first grant of land given, where the Brooklyn Navy Yard now stands. In 1642, he owned land in what is now Broad street, New Amsterdam. He was engaged in trade with the Indians. In 1646, he made a voyage up the Delaware as far as Fort Casmir. He lost his ship on that voyage. He married in 1639, Greta Van Hammersan Lent, of Newton, Long Island, and was an elder in the Dutch church. In 1649, he bought what is now Riker's Island in the East river. He died in 1689, aged 80 years, leaving his farm by will to his eldest son, Ryck Abrameson de Rycken, who sold his farm to a brother, and with a younger brother, Hendrickson de Rycken took the name of Van Lent, since corrupted into Lent.

It is not clearly understood why they did this, whether from the town in Lentz in Tower Saxony, or from some connection existing between the Noble House of Brunswick, or from a maternal grandfather. From a letter written to Governor Stuyvesant in 1659, appears the name of Hendrick Van Lent, soldier of Coronea, Long Island. He was the maternal grandfather of Ryck Abrameson de Rycken and Hendrickson de Rycken. In 1700, John de Rycken (since corrupted into Riker) bought land in the town of Cortland, Westchester county, N. Y., which he afterward sold to his nephew, Hercules Lent, for 150 £s. The descendants of Hercules Lent are numerous in Westchester county, N. Y. He was one of the trustees of the Dutch church at Peekskill. He married Caterena Seboulson, daughter of Hendrickson Seboulson of Peekskill. Their children were Abram, John, Hercules and Anna.

Ryck Abramson Lent married Caterena, daughter of Jacob

VanTassell of Sleepy Hollow. He bought extensive lands in Cortland. Was a miller by trade and an elder of Sleepy Hollow church. He had a son, Abram Lent, who married Mary de Ronda. Abram's son, Hendrickson Lent, married Mary de Pen, returned to Long Island and became the ancestor of the Long Island Lents, settling at Newton, Long Island. His grandson was a member of Congress from Long Island from 1829 to 1833. His son, James Lent, was one of the judges of Kings county. The Lents intermarried with all the old Dutch families. There were 50 Lents in the Continental army. Most of them in Capt. *Kronkhyte's* company, who was a cousin.

Hercules Lent, Sr., married Caterena Seboulson. Their children were Abram, John, Hercules, Anna and Hendrickson. John married Caterena Van Tassel. His 12 children rented 1000 acres of land from the Van Cortland estate at Lent's Point on the Hudson near Peekskill. Paid an annual rental of one barley corn a year, payable on St. Michael's, the Archangel's Eve. He was the ancestor of *John* and *Hendrickson* Lent.

Henry or Hendrickson Lent (page 297, Vol. I.) was the son of Hendickson Lent and an uncle of John Lent, 3rd (page 292, Vol. I). Henry married Catharine Croft, sister of Barbara Croft, wife of John Lent, 3rd. Polly Croft, another sister, married Godfrey Vought (page 298, Vol. I). Catharine, Polly and Barbara and two brothers, James and John Croft, were born at Stillwater, N. Y. Their father, John Croft, a German and superintendent of an iron mine at Stillwater, died before the Revolutionary war and the family went to Peekskill where descendants of the family live. The wife of John Croft was a daughter of George Augustus, Duke of Baden. She fell in love and eloped with Croft, who was a steward and came to America. After her husband's death, her father sent for her, but Captain Rice, the captain of the vessel that was to bring her back to Germany, sold the ship, pocketed the money and settled in Saratoga. Her father died shortly after and he having no sons, the title went to distant cousins.

Henry Lent, son of Hendrickson, served in the Revolutionary war, 3rd regiment, Westchester Militia, Capt. James Kronkhyte's, Col. Pierre Van Cortland and Col. Drake commanding. Other Lents in Kronkhyte's company were Abram, Abraham, Jacobus, Hercules, John, John L., Albert, Tobias, Matthias and William.—Furnished by Miss Alice Ransom.

Black, page 165—Following were the children of the sons and daughters of Joseph Black: Nathan Scovell and *Hannah*—Harris,

Harriet, Lydia, Otis, Aranthus, Rachel, Betsey, Nathan, Joseph, Laura and Mary; *James* and Mahala Carpenter—Ursula, Nelson, Henry Addison, Alice Emeline, Mary Bathia, Joseph, Chester Wells, Davis George, William Parker, Jonathan Marsh, Ann Elizabeth and Edmund E.; *John Henry* and Hannah Ackley—Harrison, George Mortimer, Benjamin Ackley, Niram Ackley, John Henry, Nancy Priscilla, (Mrs. John Q. Ingham); Bissell Chubbuck and *Elizabeth*—Harrison, Fidelia (Mrs. Rufus D. Cleveland), Orlando, George Caldwalder, Alanson, Henry Clay, Lucinda (Mrs. Chas. Mudge) and Sarah (Mrs. Amos Hart); Jonathan Marsh and *Alice*—Eleanor, Joseph, Jeptha and John; *Samuel* and Phoebe Goff—Alonzo and others; Ferris Bennett and *Nancy*—Samuel, Levi, Mahala (Mrs. Wm. Whitney), Charles, Miles, Olive, Sarah Olive (1st Mrs. Anson Pickett, 2nd Mrs. Avery Pickett), Jane Elizabeth (Mrs. George Peet), Rhoda, Cecelia (Mrs. Asa Carlin), Davis Dimock and Lydia (Mrs. Wm. Bradshaw); Demmon Benson and *Olive*—no children; *Davis Dimock* and Betsy E. Hines (1st marriage)—Charles Wesley, Marquis, Betsey Minerva (1st Mrs. C. W. Warner, 2nd Mrs. Wilmot Coburn), *Davis Dimock* (2nd marriage) and Lois Marsh—William Marsh, Melville, John Henry; Davis D. Gray and *Mary*—Alonzo William, Irene Elizabeth, Mary Jane, Sarah Fidelia, Amy, Helen Elizabeth, Emily Alice, Davis D., Agnes and John Henry; Jesse B. Sturdevant and *Irene*—Davis Gray, Lois Elizabeth (Mrs. Wm. Briggs), Judson Wade, Polly Ann (Mrs. John Harsh) and Leander.

War of 1812—Daniel Dobbins (p 220), son of William Dobbins of West Burlington, was in command of a merchant vessel, owned by himself and Rufus H. Reed of Erie, Pa., when the War of 1812 occurred. He was at Detroit and taken prisoner, subsequently retaken by General Hull and again surrendered into the hands of the British. Upon being released he was detailed by General Mead to go to Washington with important dispatches concerning the surrender of Detroit. Arriving at Washington a cabinet meeting was called and he recommended in view of the loss of Detroit that a naval depot should be established at Presque Isle, in the present harbor of Erie, Pa. His suggestion was received with favor and he was immediately commissioned to enter upon the work of establishing such a depot. He returned to Erie and commenced the construction of gun boats and in March following Commodore Perry arrived. Captain Dobbins continued in active service until he had the proud satisfaction of seeing the fleet which he had equipped and manned, commanded by Commodore Perry, himself in charge of one of the boats, victorious in the battle of Lake Erie,

September 10, 1813. Thus one of the great achievements of the War of 1812 was due to the sagacity, skill and energy of a Bradford county man.

The following should be added to the list of soldiers (p 220) who came to the county after the war and died here: Athens – Amos Arnold, James Bertram, Dr. Wm. Kiff, Isaac Lamberson, Titus Vangorder; Tuscarora—James Hogeboom; Warren—Noah Chaffee; Wysox—Daniel Gardner.

James Phillips (p 220) not in the war but served in the militia. Erastus French (p 220) not killed in the war but died in Franklin township in 1821. Solomon Sherwood (p 221) should read Salmon Sherwood.

Patriots of the Revolution.

Following is an amended list of soldiers who went from, or made Bradford county their home after the Revolutionary war:

Albany:	*Cemetery:*
Ephraim Ladd	Northumberland Co., Pa.
Robert Potter	Wilcox.
Asylum:	*Cemetery:*
Richard Benjamin	Storrs farm
Charles Felix Bue Boulogne	Old French grounds
Samuel Cole, Sr.	Genesee, N. Y.
Samuel Cole, Jr.	At Wyoming
Samuel Gilbert	Dodge farm, Terrytown
Sartile Holden	Macedonia
Amaziah Ketchum	Removed from county
Samuel Ketchum	Removed from county
Samuel Seeley	Durell
Jabez Sill	Macedonia
Anthony Vanderpool	Ellis Hill
Isaac Wheeler	State of Indiana.
Athens:	*Cemetery:*
John Anthony	Not determined
Jonathan Conkling	Old burying ground
Col. John Franklin	Franklin burying ground
Zephon Flower	Franklin burying ground
Alexander Howden	Not determined
Samuel Hulett	Old burying ground
Amos Kinney	Old Chemung cemetery
Elisha Matthewson	Old burying ground
Isaac Morley	Tioga Point
Enoch Paine	Old burying ground
Dr. Amos Prentice	Rest cemetery, Sayre

Elisha Satterlee	Tioga Point
John Shepard	Rest cemetery, Sayre
Jacob Snell	Died away from home
Joseph Spalding	Old burying ground
Ira Stephens	Angelica, N. Y.
Solomon Talladay	Old burying ground
Archelaus Temple	Old burying ground
Julius Tozer	Tioga Point
William Watkins	Tioga Point
11 Sullivan's men	Near Ft. Sullivan.
Burlington:	*Cemetery:*
Moses Calkins	Hilton
David Campbell	Family plot, homestead
James Campbell	Family plot, homestead
Paul Dewitt	Hilton
James McKean, Sr.	Old grounds, W. Burlington
Samuel Lamphere	Hilton
Alexander Lane	Luthers Mills
Beriah Pratt	Old grounds or Hilton
Ephraim Pratt	State of Ohio
Jacob Scouten	Mountain Lake.
Canton:	*Cemetery:*
Jacob Granteer	Griffin
Samuel Griffin	Griffin
Isaiah Grover	Scioto county, Ohio
Laban Landon	Glenwood, Troy
Benjamin Runnells	Main St., Canton
Zepheniah Rogers	Franklin Co., Ohio
Ezra Spalding	Cedar Ledge
James Sellard	Main St., Canton
Abraham Taber	Griffin
Noah Wilson	Alba
Columbia;	*Cemetery:*
Jabez Baldwin	Glenwood, Troy
John Benson	Rutland, Tioga Co., Pa.
Obadiah Brown	Not determined
John Budd	Budd farm
Oliver Canfield	Austinville
Ebenezer Cory	Not determined
William Furman	Glenwood, Troy

Asa Howe	Not determined
John McClelland	Columbia X Roads
Jacob Miller	Not determined
Eli Parsons	Glenwood, Troy
Comfort Peters	Swansey, N. H.
William Webber	Not determined
Franklin:	*Cemetery:*
David S. Allen	West Franklin
William French	Old Franklindale
Thomas Smiley	White Deer Valley, Pa.
Granville:	*Cemetery:*
Oliver Bailey	Granville Center
Simeon Chesley	Windfall
Jacob Headley	Granville Center
Abraham Parkhurst	Bailey farm
John Putnam	Granville Center
Caleb White	Granville Center
Betsey (Hager) Pratt	Vroman Hill
LeRoy:	*Cemetery:*
Isaac Chaapel	LeRoy
John Knapp	Harkness, Springfield twp.
Charles Stuart	LeRoy
Litchfield:	*Cemetery:*
Thomas Park	Park
Silas Wolcott	Park
Monroe and Towanda:	*Cemetery:*
Ozias Bingham	Riverside
Benjamin Bosworth	Cole's
Henry Cornelius	On place, near Hale's
John Cranmer	Cole's
Noadiah Cranmer	Cole's
James Dickey	Riverside
William Finch	Cole's
Jonathan Fowler	Cole's
Rudolph Fox	Cole's
Andrew Gregg	Riverside
George Head, Sr.	Cole's
Ebenezer Herrick	Chenango Falls, N. Y.
Benjamin Lewis	Cole's
Dr. Caleb W. Miles	Oak Hill

Ezra Rutty, Sr.	Riverside
John Schrader	Cole's
Francis Watts	Died away from home.
Joshua Wythe	Columbus, Ohio.
Orwell:	*Cemetery:*
Joel Bronson	Not determined
Ebenezer Chubbuck	Orwell
Joel Cook	Darling
Levi Frisbie	Orwell
John Grant	Orwell
Josiah Grant	Orwell
Isaac Howe	East Orwell
John Kneeland	Rome
Libbeus Roberts	Woodruff's Corners
Hezekiah Russell	Ransom Corners
Pike:	*Cemetery:*
Judah Benjamin	Not determined
Nathan Bostwick	Probably LeRaysville
James Brink	Not determined
Thomas Brink	Probably LeRaysville
Ephraim Fairchild	Stevensville
Isaac Ford	Probably LeRaysville
Stephen Gregory	Not determined
Elisha Keeler	Stevensville
John Keeler	Stevensville
Amos Northrup	Stevensville
David Olmstead	Died Nov. 29, 1829, Bridgewater twp.
Abraham Taylor	Stevensville
Consider Wood	LeRaysville.
Ridgebery:	*Cemetery:*
Joseph Batterson	Removed from town
Alpheus Gillet	Old Chemung
Job Stiles	Old Chemung.
Rome:	*Cemetery:*
Reuben Bumpus	Bumpville
Frederick Eiklor	Vicinity Catskill, N. Y.
William Elliott	Elliott Grounds
Thaddeus Hemenway	Bumpville
Henry Lent	Ransom Corners
Nathaniel P. Moody	Osceola, Pa.
Elijah Towner	Towner
Godfrey Vought	Rome.

Sheshequin:	*Cemetery:*
Christopher Avery	Gore
Samuel Bartlett	Sheshequin
Benjamin Brink	Sheshequin
Timothy Culver	Hornbrook
Jabez Fish	Sheshequin
Stephen Fuller	Sheshequin
Obadiah Gore	Gore
Samuel Gore	Sheshequin
Elijah Horton	Hornbrook
Joseph Kinney	Sheshequin
Jared Norton	Sheshequin
Jeremiah Shaw	Sheshequin
John Spalding	Sheshequin
Gen. Simon Spalding	Sheshequin
Samuel Shores	Post
John C. Vancise	Sheshequin
Moses Woodburn	Macafee farm
Matthew Wright	Joseph Vought farm
Smithfield:	*Cemetery:*
Cromwell Child	Phillips farm
David Forrest	Union cemetery
Arnold Franklin	East Smithfield
Jabez Gerould	East Smithfield
Samuel Kellogg	East Smithfield
Ebenezer Pease	East Smithfield
Jared Phelps	East Smithfield
Ezra Rathbone	East Smithfield
James Satterlee	Allen burying grounds
William Scott	East Smithfield
Nehemiah Tracy	East Smithfield
Samuel Wood	East Smithfield.
Springfield:	*Cemetery:*
Daniel Brown	Grover
Oliver Gates	Springfield Center
Joseph Grover	Grover
John Harkness	Harkness
William Harkness	Probably Harkness
Bela Kent	Grover
Simeon King	Not determined

Austin Leonard	Leona
Exekiel Leonard	Leona
Benjamin McAfee	Leona
Noah Murray	Springfield Center
John Parkhurst	Prob. Springfield Center
William Salisbury	Leona
Samuel Severance	Grover
Joshua Spear	Spear
Nehemiah Wilson	Grover
Mara Sargeant	Leona
Standing Stone :	*Cemetery:*
Henry Birney	Died in Ohio
Cornelius Ennis	Ennis grounds
Lemuel Fitch	Died in captivity
Robert Fitzgerald	Huyck grounds
Samuel D. Goff	Died in 1823, in Standing Stone
William Huyck	Huyck grounds
Peter Miller	Not determined
Jonathan Stevens	Stevens
Cherick Westbrook	Not determined
John Wood	Standing Stone
Terry :	*Cemetery:*
Oliver Dodge	Dodge farm
John Horton	Terrytown
Jonathan Terry	Terrytown
Troy :	*Cemetery:*
Seth Adams	Glenwood
Nathaniel Allen	East Troy
Aaron Case	Glenwood
Thomas Merritt	Glenwood
Solomon Morse	Glenwood
Israel Pierce	Glenwood
John Preston	Hunt
Elisha Rich	Glenwood
Reuben Rowley	Alba
Samuel Strait	Glenwood
John Wilber	Glenwood
Caleb Williams	Glenwood

Tuscarora :	*Cemetery:*
Jacob Huff	Prob. Spring Hill
Reuben Shumway	Spring Hill
Samuel Starks	Prob. Spring Hill.
Ulster :	*Cemetery:*
Benjamin Clark	Ulster
William Curry	Milan
Daniel Minier	Died away from home
Abraham Parmenter	Removed to Ohio
John Pierce	Milan
Stephen Powell	Milan
Adrial Simons	Ulster
Christopher Simonson	Ulster
Joseph Smith	Milan
Lockwood Smith	Milan
Solomon Tracy	Canandaigua, N. Y.
John Vandyke	Ulster
Leonard Westbrook	Removed from town
Joseph Westcoat	Danbury, N. Y.
Warren :	*Cemetery:*
Christopher Avery	Orwell
Preserved Buffington	Benj. Pendleton farm
Benjamin Case	Not determined
Clement Corbin	Warren Heights
Asa Hickok	Cadis
Joseph Lamoreaux	Not determined
Robert Sleeper	Sleeper
Abraham Whitaker	Warren Heights.
Wells :	*Cemetery:*
William Carr	Not determined
Richard Cooper	Not determined
Solomon Judson	Roy farm
Shubael Rowlee	Wells
Thomas Warner	Coryland.
Wilmot :	*Cemetery:*
Daniel Howie	Quick's Bend
James Quick	Quick's Bend.
Windham:	*Cemetery:*
Jeptha Brainard	Windham
Isaac Bronson	Babcock Hill

Joseph Gibbs	Windham Summit
Samuel Dunham	Windham
Thomas Fox	Wickham farm
John Plum	Babcock Hill
John Russell	Windham
Stratton Sherwood	Cadis
Silas Washburn	Windham
Wyalusing:	*Cemetery:*
Ebenezer Beeman	Merryall
Robert Carr	Killed by Indians
Job Camp	Merryall
William Dalton	Merryall
James B. Decker	Taghkannick, N. Y.
Henry Elliott	Merryall
Joseph Elliott	Merryall
Ambrose Gaylord	Wyoming Co., Pa.
Justus Gaylord, Jr.	Wyalusing
Samuel Gordon	Wyalusing
Jonas Ingham	Bloomsburg, N. J.
Nathan Kingsley	State of Ohio
Thomas Lewis	Merryall
Simeon Marsh	State of Ohio
Miner Robbins	Killed during war
Stephen Skiff	Removed from town
Job Turrell	Not determined
Ephraim Tyler	Susq. Co., Pa.
Richard Vaughn	Wyalusing
Nathan Winton	Removed from town
James Wells	Killed at Wyoming
James Wells, Jr.	New York state
2 Sullivan's men	Near Kingsley house
Wysox:	*Cemetery:*
Jesse Allen	Pond Hill
Stephen O. Allen	Pond Hill
Jedediah Atwood	Not determined
Silas Bardwell	Crawford Place
Wilbur Bennett	Wysox
Moses Coolbaugh	Wysox
Isaac Custer	Wysox
James Drake	Pond Hill
Willard Green	Not determined

Nathaniel Heacock	State of Indiana
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Ralph Martin	Wysox
Amos Mix	Wysox
John Parks	Woodburn
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